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A Petah Tikva rabbi is carried on the shoulders of ultra-Orthodox demonstrators surrounded by large numbers of helmeted police Friday night during a lively protest against the first screening of a sabbath evening movie in a town cinema. (Story below) (Andre Brutman)

Anti-Meshel groundswell follows suicide Labour factions sharpen their axes

By SARAH HONG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There is mounting clamour inside the Labour Party for a clean political sweep, chiefly in the Histadrut and to a lesser degree in the party leadership itself, following last Thursday's suicide of former Bank Hapoalim head Yacov Levinson.

MKs and other leading Labour politicians, rallying behind the call to replace Yehoram Meshel as Histadrut secretary-general, continued meeting over the weekend, and they promise to take urgent action as soon as the seven-day mourning period for Levinson is over. The group includes especially close to Levinson, such as Uri Baram and Avraham Katz-Oz, Moshav Movement heads Arye Nehamkin and Yehzekel Zekal and Labour young guard leader Haim Ramon. The group has already succeeded in getting the party political bureau to postpone all new appointments to boards of directors of Histadrut enterprises.

The postponement will prevent the previously expected appointment of Meshel as chairman of Bank Hapoalim's board for at least a few weeks, and will also prevent other changes in the bank's board. The new appointments were seen as

geared to replace Levinson's last supporters in the bank's management, and the prospect is said to have greatly troubled and depressed him in his last few days.

Meshel himself has continued his tour of Rumania, keeping a strict silence on all that has occurred since news of the suicide, including the very tangible threat to his own position. Party chairman Shimon Peres is continuing his visit to the U.S. and has also refused any comment, aside from a tribute to Levinson.

Those who seek Meshel's replacement argue that he was among those who hounded Levinson for narrow political considerations. They further say that he has not properly supervised and controlled the operations of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, and its many industrial, commercial and financial concerns.

The battle expected in Labour, according to some party insiders, may involve the leadership and escalate tensions and old rivalries. Many of those regarded by the pro-Levinson camp as having been his adversaries are political supporters of former premier Yitzhak Rabin.

But some of the anti-Meshel lobbyists are seeking a cleaner sweep, calling for more democracy in the

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Ya'acov Levinson's widow Nurit and the youngest of their four sons at the funeral on Friday. (Story, photo page 2) (Andre Brutman)

Police prevent violent clash in Petah Tikva

Widespread protest over sabbath night cinema

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Hundreds of police and border policemen prevented a violent clash Friday night between ultra-Orthodox and secular demonstrators over the first public movie screening in Petah Tikva on the sabbath evening.

Hundreds of ultra-Orthodox people began crowding round the Heichal cinema at about 9 p.m. Friday, to protest the cinema owners' intention to open the cinema on sabbath and holidays. Secular demonstrators in favour of Friday night shows and entertainment gathered nearby. The police prevented ultra-Orthodox groups bursting into the cinema to stop the

screening that began at 10:15. The demonstrators had to make do with shouting "shabes" (sabbath) repeatedly outside the cinema.

The movie was shown as scheduled and the protesters dispersed quietly shortly after midnight.

Petah Tikva's chief rabbis failed in their attempt to talk the cinema owners (who include the local labour council) out of showing the movie.

The Heichal Cinema is the first establishment to begin operating Friday nights since the town council approved a bylaw amendment authorizing the mayor to open entertainment and restaurants on weekends and holidays. The Interior Ministry has not approved the

Cohen-Orgad off to U.S. for talks on aid and policy

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad is due to arrive in the U.S. today for two days of talks. Tomorrow, he has been invited by Secretary of State George Shultz for a working dinner, at which Cohen-Orgad will survey long-range trends in Israel's economy and the Treasury's plans to deal with them.

At his meeting with Shultz, and before it in sessions with economists on his staff and others outside of it, all sides are expected to refrain from bargaining over the level of U.S. aid to Israel. That subject will be raised when Cohen-Orgad meets with members of Congress after the dinner.

The House Foreign Affairs Com-

mittee is to begin voting tomorrow on foreign aid items. An observed slackening in administration opposition to Congressional moves to raise the figure to \$1.1 billion has raised hopes in Israel that such an increase will not be stymied.

The meeting with Shultz had been scheduled with former finance minister Yoram Aridor before his resignation last November.

Accompanying Cohen-Orgad, will be Treasury Director-General Emanuel Sharon and economic representative in the U.S. Dan Halperin.

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres told Shultz in a meeting with the secretary of state on Friday that some of Cohen-Orgad's policies are acceptable to him, but added that their test will come in practice.

Mubarak wants to normalize his relations with Assad

CAIRO (Reuters). — President Hosni Mubarak Friday night was quoted as saying he wished to normalize relations between his country and Syria and that he knew and "greatly appreciated" Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Syria, along with Libya, has apparently resisted moves by Arab moderates to end the ostracism of Egypt, decreed by the Arab League when Cairo signed the peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Mubarak sounded conciliatory towards Syria, Libya and the Soviet Union in what appears to have been a major interview given to Yugoslav television on the occasion of a visit

yesterday by President Mika Spiljak of Yugoslavia. It was carried by the semi-official Egyptian newspaper, *Al-Ahram*.

Mubarak was quoted as saying that the return of a Soviet ambassador to Cairo "will come at the proper time," and that the Soviet Union as a superpower had a role to play in the Middle East.

His predecessor, the late president Anwar Sadat, expelled the Soviet ambassador in Cairo in 1981, accusing Moscow of interfering in Egypt's internal affairs, after earlier sending home Soviet military advisers and forging an alliance with the U.S.

3 soldiers wounded by hand grenade

METULLA. — Three soldiers were slightly wounded on Friday when a hand-grenade was thrown at an IDF convoy east of Sidon in Lebanon. Israeli troops closed off the area

and conducted searches. Light-arms fire was aimed yesterday at IDF jeeps travelling north of the Zaharani River. There were no casualties.

U.S. team coming for more strategic talks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A team of U.S. officials is due here tomorrow to continue the strategic talks between the two countries begun in Washington last month.

Israeli sources said last night that the team will comprise mainly military personnel.

The parties have agreed not to disclose the substance of the talks.

Maccabi Haifa moves into second place

Post Sports Staff

Maccabi Haifa, 2-0 winners over Hapoel Beersheba, stormed to their fourth successive win and moved to within challenging the position of Betar Jerusalem at the top of the National Soccer League yesterday.

Beitar, although still three points clear, were again only able to draw (0-0 with Ramat Amidar), while Hapoel Tel Aviv have slipped to third place behind Haifa following a shock 2-0 home defeat by Hakoah Ramat Gan. (See sports page 7)

U.S. navy opens fire on Druse strongholds

BEIRUT. — U.S. Navy ships opened fire into mountain areas held by Syrian and Druse forces east of Beirut yesterday, Lebanese Army officials said.

Three salvos of at least five rounds each were clearly audible in central Beirut as U.S. Marines at the Beirut airport began what may be their last night in Lebanon.

The army officials said the Americans were responding to indiscriminate shelling from the mountains.

The U.S. military spokesman at the airport could not be contacted to give details of the naval fire.

The army said the Sixth Fleet off the coast was probably firing five-inch guns rather than the 16-inch on the battleship New Jersey.

The regular boom of the guns shook buildings in Beirut and militiamen fired salvos of small-arms fire into the air in acknowledgement of the shelling.

The army said the U.S. Navy was hitting positions in a mainly Druse area in Syrian-controlled territory about 25 kilometres due east of the capital.

Meanwhile, president Amin Jemayel's administration urged member countries of the UN Security Council to speed the dispatch of peace-keeping troops to Lebanon yesterday as a Saudi-mediated cease-fire collapsed in a hail of shelling.

The Foreign Ministry announced the plea as U.S. Marines of the Multi-National Force pulled their 155mm. artillery battery from the airport to American warships offshore.

Men of the hotel battery and their eight howitzers were the first full combat unit to leave since President Reagan's decision on February 7 to redeploy the 1,300-man marine contingent to Sixth Fleet ships.

Foreign Ministry Under Secretary Fuad Tork called in the ambassadors of the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China as shells crashed less than 200 metres away on the "Green Line" that splits the city into Moslem and Christian sectors.

A ministry statement said Tork explained Lebanon's position to the ambassadors of the five permanent member states of the UN Security Council on the French draft resolution to replace the Multi-National Force with a UN peace-keeping contingent.

The statement said the Jemayel administration wants the jurisdiction of the UN force to cover the whole of Lebanon as a matter of principle. Consequently, the government would go along with the French proposal that UN troops take up peace-keeping duties in "greater Beirut," but it wants them also to control highways linking the capital with other occupied parts of the country, according to the state.

Tork also told the ambassadors in separate meetings that Lebanon would not object to UN troops handling the security of Palestinian refugee camps in mostly Moslem West Beirut and nearby Bourj el-Barajneh, the statement added.

Tork said advance units of the

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Arafat expected in Jordan amid Syrian threats

PLO leader Yasser Arafat is expected in Amman today or tomorrow for talks with King Hussein of Jordan, amid threats from Syria that it will torpedo any peace initiatives towards Israel.

Officials of the royal palace and the PLO yesterday confirmed that Arafat is expected in the next 48 hours. His military deputy Khalil Al-Wazir and special adviser Hani Al-Hassan arrived from Tunis on Friday to prepare for the meeting with the king.

Hussein, backed by Egypt, wants coordination between the PLO and Jordan on recovering land under Israeli administration.

Arafat's visit would be his first to Jordan since April last year, when a first round of Jordanian-PLO negotiations on a common approach to Middle East problems collapsed under strong opposition from Syrian and Libyan-backed Palestinian radicals.

A Syrian government newspaper warned yesterday that Damascus would continue to oppose any American efforts to push Jordan into peace talks with Israel.

"After the failure of Washington in Lebanon, the next American step could be in Jordan, to pressure it to start negotiations with Israel," the newspaper *Tishrin* said.

"Washington will not achieve in Jordan what it failed to achieve in Lebanon, Syria, which was able to impose the will of the Arab nation in Lebanon, will also be able to impose it in Jordan," the newspaper said.

Hussein had talks in Washington earlier this month with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Jordan's embassy in the Libyan capital Tripoli was burned down a week ago by demonstrators who Libya's official news agency Jana said were protesting against the Washington talks.

Blaming the government of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi for the attack, Jordan severed political and diplomatic relations with Tripoli.

Jana on Friday night attacked Jordan's decision to sever ties as "an irresponsible act," saying the real reason behind it was "to hide the treasons of the Jordanian king and regime against the Arab nation and its causes, latest of which was the king's meeting with the Egyptian regime."

Meanwhile, Palestinian sources in Tunis reported on Friday that the central committee of Fatah, the main component of the PLO, has approved a resumption of the dialogue between Arafat and Hussein.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa said Arafat reported to a Fatah central committee meeting at the PLO headquarters in Tunis last Wednesday on the proposed new dialogue with Hussein, but the agency gave no details.

Wafa said Arafat also reported to Fatah on his Moscow talks with Soviet leaders earlier this month, following the funeral of president Yuri Andropov. Arafat "warmly praised the growing cooperation and friendship" between the PLO and the Soviet Union, the agency said.

The meeting decided that two separate Palestinian delegations, representing Fatah and the PLO central committee, would visit Moscow for further talks with Soviet leaders "in the next few weeks," Wafa reported. It did not explain the reason for sending two delegations, nor the purpose of their talks in Moscow.

It said the Fatah central committee agreed to convene before next May, the fifth congress of the Fatah movement originally scheduled in Algiers in month but postponed because of the sharp differences within the movement. (Reuters, AP)

S. Lebanon villages tense in aftermath of IDF arrests

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — South Lebanon was tense yesterday and Friday following a number of arrests by Israeli soldiers in the area. On Friday, IDF forces entered Maraka, a Shi'ite village east of Tyre, and the army spokesman confirmed that the purpose was to make arrests.

At 3:30 a.m., Senegalese UNIFIL soldiers heard shots and four explosions. Ghanaian troops tried to find out what was happening, but the IDF did not allow them in. Eye-witnesses said that a large Israeli force, including helicopters and ambulances, took part in the raid. The whole area, including other nearby villages, was closed to traffic.

In response, there were violent demonstrations Friday afternoon in Shi'ite villages, with fires burned.

The arrests continued yesterday, and, according to Lebanese radio stations, among those arrested was Mohammed Sa'id, deputy commander of the Amal militia in Southern Lebanon.

The demonstrations may also have been connected with the recent murder of Imam Raji Hahreb, key religious figure among Shi'ite extremists in South Lebanon.

Lebanese sources said that Shi'ite demonstrators stoned Israeli troops who stormed into Maraka, and that the Israelis fired into the crowd killing four people and wounding 25.

Some of the casualties were brought from the village to hospitals in Sidon and three were reported in "critical condition."

The IDF said the total casualties were two wounded.

Over 100 dead in Brazil shantytown oil blast

SAO PAULO (Reuters). — At least 100 people died yesterday in an oilpipe explosion which destroyed part of a shantytown 70km. west of Sao Paulo, police said.

They said 100 bodies had so far been recovered in the shantytown on the outskirts of Cubatao, and rescue workers were searching for more.

Another 150 people, some in critical condition, were being treated in hospital for burns, police in Cubatao told Reuters by telephone.

Police said the huts in the shantytown were constructed on stilts over a swamp. When the oil burst out from the pipeline and caught fire it spread quickly across the

water beneath the crude dwellings. They said the situation was now under control and all fires had been extinguished.

The pipeline was carrying diesel oil from Brazil's biggest port, Santos, to a refinery in Cubatao belonging to the state oil company, Petrobras, they added.

Cubatao, just off the Santos-Sao Paulo highway, is one of the world's most polluted towns and was declared an "area of critical pollution" by a presidential decree in 1975.

Twenty-three factories, many producing petrochemicals, belch fumes into a poisonous, throat-catching cloud over the town. Thousands of trees stand bare on

surrounding hills and occasional pools of effluent lie smoking gently. Birth defects among the population of 90,000 are abnormally high as well as other health problems.

The town lies at the foot of the 750-metre Serra do Mar mountain range, which combines with the predominantly cloudy weather to create a trap for the fumes emitted by the factories.

The disaster comes less than six months after oil explosions and fires killed almost 100 people following a train derailment near Salvador, in north-eastern Brazil. The victims had rushed to collect fuel leaking from derailed wagons but were caught by the blast.

French roads freed from blockade

PARIS (Reuters). — An estimated 250,000 French holidaymakers headed home this weekend on roads freed from a truckers' blockade, but the Brenner Pass between Austria and Italy remained barred to heavy vehicle traffic.

Traffic was still difficult as thousands of truckers dispersed after backing down in a dispute that paralyzed the national road network, disrupted food supplies and industry and spilled over into neighbouring countries.

The Brenner crossing, one of the most important transit points between northern and southern Europe, has been blocked since

Thursday by truck drivers stranded by an Italian customs work-to-rule action.

The customs men resumed normal work Friday, but about 1,500 truckers threatened to maintain their blockade until at least tomorrow unless their demands for speedier Italian customs clearance are met.

In an emergency session called by Premier Bettino Craxi, the Italian cabinet yesterday approved measures that would improve job conditions for customs officials and speed border passage for truckers, a government communique said.

The go-slow by the Italians was

partly responsible for the eight-day French blockade, which caused mass lay-offs in French industry, forced the destruction of hundreds of tons of unsold fish in Brittany and led to petrol rationing in alpine areas.

France dismayed the Netherlands earlier this week by rejecting a demand for an emergency meeting of European Economic Community transport ministers to discuss the road blockades.

But Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has admitted that the dispute is a European problem affecting Austria, West Germany, Italy and Belgium as well as France.

(Photo — page 4)

In deep sorrow
we announce the passing of
ROSE POLLACK
of Berlin

The funeral took place in Jerusalem on
Kaf Be'adar Aleph 5744 — February 23, 1984.

Mourning by:
Daughter — Gaby Rubin
and members of the Gethlfe family

'U.S. won't permit oil blockade'

KUWAIT (AP). — The U.S. would attack the "depth of Iran" if Iran made good its threat to block the oil-tanker navigation through the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a former director of the CIA was quoted as saying yesterday.

Stansfield Turner affirmed in an interview with the radical newspaper *Al-Watan* that the U.S. would not take any preventive action and that it would react only if

Iran "dealt the first blow." He said that there are nine units of the U.S. navy moving toward the Gulf of Oman, "and if military action began we are capable of attacking Iranian forces trying to sink tankers" to close the strait.

Turner said he thought it would be difficult for Iran to "effectively" carry out the blockade because the strait is over-30 kilometres wide, mostly deep waters. (See story page 4)

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	MIN.	MAX.	
25.2.1984	C	F	
AMSTERDAM	1 34	3 93	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	1 30	4 38	Cloudy
BURKINSALES	23 73	27 81	Cloudy
CHICAGO	2 35	8 42	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	1 30	1 34	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	1 34	4 39	Cloudy
GENEVA	2 28	3 37	Cloudy
HELSINKI	10 50	14 57	Clear
HONG KONG	18 64	20 68	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	17 63	27 81	Clear
LISBON	8 43	13 55	Clear
LONDON	2 38	4 39	Cloudy
MADRID	9 32	8 48	Cloudy
MONTREAL	1 30	7 40	Cloudy
NEW YORK	7 44	18 60	Rain
OSLO	4 25	3 27	Cloudy
PARIS	4 32	2 26	Cloudy
RENO DE JARINHO	10 50	20 68	Clear
SAO PAULO	18 64	20 68	Clear
STOCKHOLM	2 37	8 42	Cloudy
TOKYO	3 37	7 45	Cloudy
TURKENT	2 37	12 54	Clear
WAWA	0 32	1 34	Cloudy
ZURICH	2 28	3 37	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair to partly cloudy.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	19	7-19	17
Golan	14	8-18	16
Nahariya	18	8-18	16
Safed	25	8-14	12
Haifa Port	36	15-23	21
Therian	24	11-25	22
Nazareth	22	10-21	19
Afula	28	9-23	21
Shomron	17	10-20	18
Tel Aviv	40	11-22	19
B-G Airport	27	9-23	20
Jericho	18	10-27	24
Chor	80	10-19	17
BeerSheva	22	10-22	19
Eilat	7	16-27	25

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Commander A. Edward Millis, of the Sixth Fleet ammunition and supply ship U.S.S. Nitro, which arrived in Haifa from Beirut for a three-day visit on Friday, paid a courtesy call on Deputy Mayor Erich Loeb at the Town Hall on Friday.

DEPARTURES

World Wido President Raya Jaglom for Geneva.

Soldier buried in Rishon LeZion

RISHON LEZION (Itim). — Turai Natan Sharafi, 19, was buried in the military section of the cemetery here on Friday morning. He was killed on Thursday when the military convoy in which he was travelling came under fire in Nabatiya, Southern Lebanon.

Sharafi was born and raised in Rishon LeZion. In the army, he served in the Communications Corps and was attached to a paratroop unit. He is survived by his parents and four sisters.
The military ceremony was attended by many residents of Rishon LeZion, including relatives and friends, and by fellow soldiers.

2 hurt by grenade in Galilee town

HATZOR (Itim). — Two residents of this Upper Galilee development town were slightly wounded last night when a grenade of IDF manufacture was thrown at them. It was apparently aimed at another man who escaped injury.

Yitzhak Karko was hurt in the shoulder, and Shimon Ladimi was treated for shock. They were taken by ambulance to the hospital in Safad.

Police believe the grenade was thrown in an attempt to "settle accounts" among criminal elements in the town.

Petrol bombs thrown

Four petrol bombs were thrown at a guard's hut on a road-construction site near Bethlehem on Friday night. Three of the four bombs exploded, but there was no damage or injuries. (Itim)

Twenty Druse leave to study in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter
JULIS. — Twenty Druse between 15 and 23 years old have left to study at Lebanon's El-Biada college, considered the premier Druse religious institute in the Middle East.

The military authorities in the north agreed to let the Druse go at the request of Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif, who completed his own religious studies there over 60 years ago.

The students will study for a three-month trial period and will then decide whether to stay on or return to their homes.

TV film to represent Israel in U.S. competition

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Ilan Eldad's film, *Hamegilla 83*, has been chosen to represent Israel at the International Television Film Festival next April in Charleston, South Carolina.

A committee of judges made up of 18 representatives of television stations from throughout the world chose 10 films for the competition. One of the aims of the festival is an exchange of ideas.

HOME NEWS

Thousands attend Levinson's funeral at Tzora

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TZORA. — Ya'acov Levinson was buried on Friday in a pine grove on a slope overlooking this kibbutz near Beit Shemesh. His grave is next to that of his closest friend, Kibbutz Movement leader Musa Harif.

The thousands of mourners, who came in a last tribute to the Labour Party financier who took his life last Thursday, represented his many friends in the kibbutz and labour movement, as well as in Israel's business and banking community — the two main streams in Levinson's life.

The eulogies by his long-time friend MK Avraham Katz-Oz of Kibbutz Nahal Oz and by *Davar* editor Hanna Zemer were a scathing attack on those who they claimed had brought about Levinson's death.

Katz-Oz said that Levinson was a "giant surrounded by dwarfs who could not tolerate such a towering figure among them. Nothing could have hurt him more than allegations that he had digressed from princi-

ples and basic values," Katz-Oz said.

"Ya'acov was a man of iron, but those who knew him closely realized that inside he was sensitive and vulnerable like a child," he said, stressing that Levinson's integrity and introversion were not built for political power struggles, the "wars for the crown."

He was a man who knew how to combine dynamic thought with decisive action and the country is full of real monuments in his memory in the numerous wonderful projects, both in agriculture and in industry as well as in tourism which he initiated," Katz-Oz said.

"These dynamic monuments are the true marble slabs under which Ya'acov will lie with his spirit hovering above them," Katz-Oz said, pledging that his friends will not let his creative work be brought to a halt. "The grave has been covered, but the file remains open," Katz-Oz said.

Zemer, speaking in a broken voice, said that she had come on behalf "of the faithful, not those

who remained neutral or those who respected you after they had deprived you of your honour."

"I am here to ask for your forgiveness, for we were weak, not because we did not have the power, but because we were too afraid to use our power. Because we were too egoistic and considered too much the interests of the institutions and of the movement and had not enough regard for the individual, the human being, for you."

"You were brought to be buried next to Musa instead of coming here to visit his grave because we disappointed you," she said. "We disappointed you so much that you assumed in your last letter that you will be held responsible even after your death. But this is a wrong assumption. We cannot bring you back to life, but we will do everything we can to correct what can be corrected exactly according to your last will," she pledged.

Among the thousands of mourners were former president Yitzhak Navon, former prime minister

Yitzhak Rabin, Labour Party Secretary-General Haim Bar-Lev, Acting Histadrut Secretary-General Isaac Kassar, Agudat Yisrael leader and coalition chairman MK Avraham Shapira, Likud MK Ariel Weinstein, Labour Knesset Members, former cabinet ministers Haim Zadok, Moshe Baram and Victor Shemtov, veteran labour leader Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Bank Leumi chairman Ernest Japhet and scores of company directors of both the Histadrut and the private sector.

Levinson's four sons recited the mourner's prayer in unison as the widow and the deceased's brothers stood by the wreath-bedecked grave.

President Herzog on Friday sent a telegram of condolence to Levinson's family.

"I was shocked to the depths of my soul at the cruel tragedy which has befallen you," the president wrote.

Herzog did not attend the funeral because he was attending the funeral in Haifa of Elie Tamman, a relative by marriage.



Thousands of mourners on Friday attend the funeral of Ya'acov Levinson at Kibbutz Tzora. (Rahamim Israeli)

MKs fume at 'misleading' smoking advertisements

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"You have a right to smoke even under the new no-smoking law, so don't let anyone infringe upon your rights!"

Large display adverts bearing that message, now appearing in local newspapers, have enraged MKs Akiva Nof (Likud) and Uri Sabag (Alignment).

According to Nof, author of the No Smoking in Public Places statute which became law on February 1, the adverts — signed by a purported organization, "Citizens Concerned About Freedom" — are misleading. "This advertising campaign is really a cover-up," Nof told *The Jerusalem Post* last week. "They were placed by the advertising agent for the country's major cigarette manufacturer."

"By failing to mention that fact in the adverts, and making it appear as if some spontaneous, grassroots movement of tobacco addicts has surfaced to fight the law, is plain deception if you ask me."

The adverts remind smokers that the law permits them free use of

tobacco "in streets, parks, restaurants and on the beach." The restrictions, it adds, are in hospitals, aircraft, libraries, theatres and similar sheltered public gathering places, where smoking is lawful only in zones set aside for that purpose.

In a letter to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, Sabag wrote: "Please look into the possibility of an intentional undermining of a recently enacted law by people using tricky phrases and other rhetorical devices."

"Since the day the No-Smoking in Public Places law went into effect, cigarette manufacturers have been mounting an attack on it, through large-scale advertising campaigns, and by pressuring members of Knesset against voting for additions to the list of places where smoking would be restricted."

"Besides placing the spate of misleading 'You Have a Right to Smoke!' advertisements, the cigarette manufacturers sponsored the recent concerts by English singer-guitarist Eric Clapton in Israel, playing up the fact that his latest album is entitled *Money and Cigarettes*."

LABOUR FACTIONS

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The Levinson case cannot be compared to similar affairs in recent Labour history, he continued. "Since the police had not even started an investigation and cannot be accused of having hounded the victim. Nor is the press responsible. The blame lies on Sderot Rothschild and Rehov Arlozoroff (the first houses Bank Hapoalim headquarters, and the latter Histadrut headquarters).

Baram asserted that "Levinson's finger pressed the trigger, but another hand held the gun to his temple and it all took place inside the Histadrut and Labour."

NEW GROUP. — Jerusalemites for Jerusalem, a new group whose organizers claim includes members from a variety of political groupings, says its first activity will be the creation of a community campaign for the building of a soccer stadium in the Manahat district.

An indication of what could be in store for Labour came from Baram, who stated: "We know whom to blame and in which direction to turn our accusing finger."

Bar-Ilan University
expresses sincerest condolences
to Renee Gaon and to Leon Tamman
on the passing of their brother

ELIE J. TAMMAN
and to the entire family.

Our sincere condolences to
Mr. Leon J. Tamman
Chairman, Board of Trustees of Misgav Ladach Hospital
and family
on the passing of his brother
ELIE J. TAMMAN
Council of the Sephardi
and Oriental Communities
Jerusalem
Board of
Misgav Ladach Hospital,
doctors and staff

To the Leon Tamman family
We share your sorrow on the passing of your

Brother

T.A.T. Travel Office
Daniel Towers Hotel

Did Lebanon war end U.S.-PLO 'connection'?

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — How close was the PLO to accepting America's longstanding minimal conditions for winning U.S. recognition on the eve of Israel's June 6, 1982, drive into Lebanon?

This has turned out to be a key question in the aftermath of press disclosures documenting nine-months of indirect exchanges between the State Department and the Palestine Liberation Organization which preceded the war. Those contacts ended with Israel's invasion and the subsequent destruction of the PLO infrastructure in Lebanon.

John Edwin Mroz, the 35-year-old Middle East specialist at the New York-based East-West Institute who has been the intermediary with the PLO, has suggested that Yasser Arafat was perhaps on the verge of finally accepting the U.S. conditions when the entire effort collapsed because of the war. Mroz and others sympathetic to the PLO, including some Israeli doves, have implied that Israel may have learned of the possible breakthrough and moved into Lebanon at that time to undermine it.

Authoritative Israeli officials in Washington have confirmed that they were indeed aware of U.S. efforts to win a more moderate PLO stance during those months. They denied, however, that they specifically knew of the Mroz connection. They also flatly denied that then prime minister Menachem Begin and defence minister Ariel Sharon approved the invasion to abort the start of an official U.S.-PLO dialogue.

Senior State Department officials, while confirming that all sorts of documents involving possible PLO language recognizing Israel's right to exist were exchanged through the Mroz channel, dismissed the notion that Arafat would have been likely to finally "bite the bullet" later in June 1982 — if only Israel had not invaded Lebanon.

"They were always sending us conflicting signals," the senior U.S. official said. "We needed a clear and unambiguous statement from Arafat. While we certainly were intrigued by the opportunity, we never really felt confident it would happen."

In recent days, Israel Ambassador Meir Rosenne has complained to Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger about the entire Mroz affair. U.S. officials have maintained that their 1975 promise to Israel not to "recognize or negotiate" with the PLO until it accepted America's well-known conditions did not preclude indirect, third-party contacts designed to elicit a more moderate PLO stance.

According to informed U.S. officials, the PLO under Arafat, has always taken a "two-track" approach in trying to win U.S. recognition. Some PLO "moderates," including the late Issam Sartawi, the PLO representative in Paris, were used by Arafat to project a reasonable image to the West. At the same time, however, Arafat had to worry about rejectionist elements in the PLO.

The *New York Times* columnist Flora Lewis referred in a recent article to the suggestions that the PLO

was on the verge of accepting Israel when the war erupted. "This is far from the whole story, which, like so much of the Middle East record, is composed of ambiguity and betrayal," she wrote from Paris.

She reported about a June 20, 1982, talk she had with Sartawi who was then involved in a separate effort — from Mroz — to broker language acceptable to both Arafat and Washington. The Prime Minister of Tunisia, Mohammed Mzali, was the conduit since he was about to meet in Washington with Under Secretary of State Walter Stoessel.

Sartawi had drafted a statement which he would make in Europe and which Arafat would later not repudiate. The statement, according to Lewis, reviewed various resolutions of the Palestine National Council. He would then say:

"It follows therefore that the PLO recognizes the right of Israel to exist and denies that it has any desire to destroy the state of Israel as proved by the fact that all articles of the PLO charter which contradict this position have been officially amended through PNC resolutions."

On April 28, Mzali submitted this document to Stoessel and Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Nicholas Veliotis. In return, they handed him a document which reaffirmed the U.S. conditions for recognizing the PLO. It concluded that if the PLO were to do such a thing, it "would open a dramatic new possibility for moving toward peace."

Sartawi, Lewis said, understood that to mean U.S. acceptance of his intricate offer — even though that was never flatly stated. On May 14,

he forwarded another document to the Americans through Mzali seeking further clarifications. But the U.S. never answered. The war erupted on June 6.

Lewis wrote: "There had been wafting all round, Dr. Sartawi said he was 'leading the PLO from the back row,' but Mr. Arafat outwitted him. Then Dr. Sartawi was shot down in Portugal. Abu Nidal, the Syrian-backed terrorist, claimed responsibility but Mohammed Labadi, Mr. Arafat's renegade ex-spokesman who went over to the PLO rebels, later said that Mr. Arafat gave the green light for the murder. More important, Dr. Sartawi's friend, the former Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky, suspected the same."

After George Shultz replaced Alexander Haig, the new secretary of state authorized Mroz to undertake the additional mission to Tunisia to see if Arafat was finally prepared to accept the U.S. conditions. According to the *New York Times*, Arafat refused even to receive Mroz and with that, the entire operation ended. Shultz told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week that he has not pursued any similar contact since.

The PLO's spokesman in Washington said on Friday that his organization and the U.S. administration will remain in indirect contact.

"There are always people in the region who meet with the PLO and brief the administration," Hasan Abdul Rahman said in an interview. "The contacts will always continue until there is a direct contact with the United States."

U.S. Navy helps recover lost Lebanese Army tanks

BEIRUT (Reuters). — U.S. Navy landing craft beached about 25 kilometres south of Beirut Friday night to help the Lebanese Army retrieve about 13 U.S.-made tanks it abandoned there 11 days ago. Lebanese Army sources said yesterday.

The overnight operation took place in the Kharroub coastal region, held by the army's 4th Brigade until anti-government militias routed it on February 14 and captured the coast linking the area with Beirut.

The U.S. Navy was unable to retrieve another 10 of the M-48 tanks and 30 to 40 M-113 armoured personnel carriers because the Christian Lebanese Forces, which

now controls the Kharroub, declined to hand them over, the sources said.

The 13 tanks arrived at Beirut port yesterday morning and eyewitnesses saw them moving towards a suburb in the mainly Christian territory just east of Beirut.

The U.S. supplied the tanks to Lebanon under a programme to expand and modernize the army. Until the fighting this month, U.S. personnel were training tank crews in the mountains east of the capital.

The training has come to a halt and the Pentagon on Wednesday announced it was suspending deliveries of tanks and other heavy equipment until it had reassessed Lebanon's needs.

Orgad: There'll be no savings freeze

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad promised yesterday he would not freeze, even temporarily, the public's savings and assets.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Cohen-Orgad said a sound capital market and stable savings are essential to the long-range health of the economy. Endangering these for short-term gains would be foolhardy and "is not even a temptation."

On the other hand, Cohen-Orgad would not promise that he is not planning new taxes and fees. In principle, he agreed with those who say tax rates in Israel are too high, but he said we cannot afford the luxury of lowering tax rates until we collect more taxes.

New taxes on luxury goods and services are being considered, he

said, with a tax on having a large car a possibility.

This year's budget will weigh heavily on the average citizen, but the public is ready to shoulder that burden to ensure the future of their society. Questioned as to why the public should pay for the economic mistakes made over the last few years, Cohen-Orgad said: "All of us are happy about the standard of living we have achieved, though it would have been better if we had achieved it more slowly."

In answer to questions about criticism levelled from fellow ministers that he has not presented a comprehensive economic programme, Cohen-Orgad said the real test of how much backing he has in the cabinet is the decisions the cabinet makes.

U.S. SHIPS

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UN force could be drawn from the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), which has been stationed in Southern Lebanon since 1978, to speed the establishment of a UN presence in the embattled capital, the statement said.

Tork has scheduled meetings with diplomatic representatives of the rest of the council member countries for today, the officials said.

The Lebanese Army and Moslem militia forces blasted each other's positions on the mid-city Green Line with tank cannons and rocket-propelled grenades in off-and-on clashes yesterday, police said.

Government troops also exchanged artillery and tank fire with Syrian-backed Druse around the mountaintop town of

Souk al-Gharb east of the capital overnight. Druse gunners then lobbed shells and rockets into East Beirut's Christian neighbourhood of Ashrafieh during the day, police reported.

They said at least 20 people were killed and 39 wounded in the overnight fighting. No casualty figures were available from afternoon clashes, police said.

The state radio said the Jemayel government was in touch with Saudi Arabia and Syria to try to arrange a new start for the ill-fated cease-fire that Saudi mediators had called to begin at 11 a.m. Friday.

The radio said Saudi mediator Rafik Hariri was expected to undertake a new shuttle between Beirut and Damascus within the next 48 hours to try to reinstate the cease-fire.

2 pregnant women hurt in road mishap

HOD HASHARON (Itim). — Two women in the latter stages of pregnancy were seriously injured in an accident here early Friday morning when the car in which they were riding crashed into a railing alongside the road. One of them lost her baby.

The driver of the car, the husband of one of the women, was held for questioning and later released after

an analysis was made to determine the amount of alcohol in his blood.

Altogether last week seven persons were killed and 55 injured in 46 serious accidents. One of those killed, a pedestrian, was a minor, as were 11 of the 33 pedestrians counted among the injured.

Police cited swerving from lanes, improper behaviour by pedestrians and speeding as the main causes of last week's accidents.

Police 'find forgery' in Haifa prosecutor's files

HAIFA (Itim). — A letter from the state's attorney's office staying prosecution of some 100 charges against a man accused in a municipal court here is a forgery, police told Magistrates Court Judge Salim Jubran here on Friday during a remand hearing for local prosecutor Zussia Ito, who is suspected of accepting bribes.

According to police, Ito also is suspected of receiving goods over a period of several years from a businessman in exchange for arrangements made in the local court.

3 policemen charged with striking citizens

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Three policemen serving in the greater Tel Aviv area were charged on Friday in magistrates' court here with assaulting civilians in three separate incidents.

Aharon Bornstein, 35, was charged with punching David Bechar, who had refused his request to leave the Givatayim station, last October 1 injuring him in the lower lip and breaking a tooth.

Boaz Yanov, 28, was charged

with striking Maya Sharon Emanuel and Tami Emanuel with a stick at the Abu Kabir lockup last March 8. Awad Halaila, 40, was charged with punching Yitzhak Soreni in the face, drawing blood, at the Tel Aviv lockup on January 6, 1983.

EDUCATION PRIZES. — The Education Ministry is today to present 12 prizes to educators and institutions at a ceremony to be attended by President Chaim Herzog.

Yehiel Leket.
Chairman, World Labour Zionist Movement
mourns the death of

YA'ACOV LEVINSON

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Shloshim memorial service at Migdal Hashoshanim Synagogue — 22 Pisker Street, Jerusalem, Sunday, March 4, 1984 (30 Adar Aleph, 5744) at 3.30 p.m. — Krupnick Family

Ya'acobi asks end to Labour's in-fighting

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The factions within the Labour Party must stop their in-fighting before the party is destroyed by it, MK Yisrael Ya'acobi said on Kol Ha'Amat Friday evening.

It is understandable that disagreements are sometimes personal, he added. "After all, there are personality clashes, differences in ideology and differences in approach. What worries me very much is that squabbles lately have been between political factions within the party. That is a dangerous trend and the few dozen who hold key positions in the party have to put a stop to it."

He suggested that the candidate for prime minister (he said his first choice is party chairman

Shimon Peres but he is waiting to see if anyone else seeks the post) and for Histadrut secretary-general (which he said he hopes will be Yisrael Keisar) should be chosen within a few months, since he hopes elections will be held this year.

He said the reactions to Ya'acobi's suicide are understandable because of the shock, but he suggests a moratorium on accusations and counter-accusations until there has been sufficient time for individual and collective soul-searching.

Kessar, who was interviewed yesterday on Kol Yisrael's weekly newsreel, said that he met with Levinson several times over the last few months at his own initiative. "I felt it was the right thing to do. You don't leave a friend when he's in

trouble... He very definitely felt there were people trying to pin false accusations on him for their own reasons."

On the same programme, MK Uzi Baram said the matter should never have got to the attorney-general or the police unless there was strong evidence of something criminal. The only reason the law was brought into the case, he believes, was because there were those who wanted to settle political accounts.

Avraham Katz-Oz (also speaking on the same programme) said that there is a segment of the party which has been less important in recent years and perhaps now, not out of revenge but for the future of the movement, will have to be permitted to become more dominant.

Aloni says Knesset should have a mosque

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset building should contain a mosque, MK Shulamit Aloni said.

Discussing Speaker Menahem Ussielson's aim — temporarily frozen by the Treasury — to add a wing to the Knesset structure for more offices and other facilities, the Alignment MK told *The Jerusalem Post* last week: "We now have a synagogue on the first floor. If and when more space becomes available, I will demand that a room be set aside to serve as a mosque, for the benefit of Moslem Members."

As an alternative to a separate mosque room, if one cannot be made available, she suggests transforming the present synagogue

into an inter-faith chapel, with wheeled altars, Torah scroll arks and other moveable liturgical accoutrements. As such, the room could be used as a workshop centre for all religions as the need arises.

Aloni claims the present Knesset synagogue "discriminates against Conservative and Reform Jews because it contains a partition separating the men's and women's sections."

"If we can sit together upstairs in the plenum or in the dining room, why can't we do the same downstairs in the synagogue?"

Moshe Sharon, professor of Islamic History at the Hebrew University, asked by *The Jerusalem Post* to comment on Aloni's suggestion, said:

"It demonstrates utter ignorance. While Jews are recommended to pray in group (*minyan*) wherever possible, and certain sections of the liturgy cannot be said without a group, this is not the case with Moslems, except on Fridays. On other days of the week, a Moslem can pray by himself wherever he happens to be, without requiring a special room or building. As to Fridays, Moslems are required to pray with the community and a group of MKs does not constitute a community."

"The Knesset does not sit on Fridays."

"Furthermore, it is technically not possible to establish a mosque in the Knesset building. A mosque must essentially be a building in itself."

Peres due back from Washington talks

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres is scheduled to return home today from a visit to the U.S., where he met with senior Reagan administration officials.

In discussions with Vice-President George Bush and Secretary of State George Shultz, Peres replied to inquiries about Labour's views on Middle East issues. A session with Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger at a special gathering was devoted primarily to advanced military

technology.

Among other things, Peres was firmer than the government of Prime Minister Shamir concerning American arms sales to Jordan. The Labour Party leader believes that such sales should be made only if Jordan joins negotiations.

The hosts expressed optimism concerning such a development within the framework of the Reagan plan, but one noted that the administration will find it difficult to undertake any initiatives until after the presidential elections next November.

Patt, Meshel meet with Ceausescu

Jerusalem Post Staff

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt and Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel met with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu on Friday in Bucharest.

As a result of Patt's visit, a protocol was signed to double trade between Israel and Rumania to a total of \$90 million a year.

Meshel announced to his host that the Histadrut will open a bureau in Bucharest to promote commercial relations between the two countries. Meshel also invited his Rumanian counterpart Nicolae Constantiu to visit Israel along with a delegation of unionists from the East European country.

U.S. firm fined for Arab boycott aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deere and Co., the farm equipment manufacturer, has agreed to pay a \$109,000 civil penalty for violations of a law prohibiting U.S. citizens or companies from aiding the Arab boycott of businesses tied to Israel, the Commerce Department said Friday.

Between November 1981 and May 1982, Deere and Co., through its West German distribution centre, furnished 109 items of information to four Arab countries about its business relationships with Israel. It certified each of those times that various goods it was supplying were not of Israeli origin, the department said.

Koch blasts Bonn's plans to sell arms to Saudis

HAMBURG (Reuters) — New York Mayor Ed Koch has sharply attacked West German proposals to sell arms to Saudi Arabia, saying enough Jews had already died by German hands.

He told a press conference at the start of a brief visit last week that if the West German government pursues its intention of selling weapons to Saudi Arabia, they will one day be used against Jews.

West Germany is proposing to sell "defensive" weapons to Saudi Arabia, such as anti-aircraft tanks, ground-to-air missiles and armoured personnel carriers.

Jets are too complex, says Lavi engineer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA — Fighter-plane technology has advanced far beyond a single pilot's ability to operate it, according to the engineer in charge of developing Israel's Lavi aircraft.

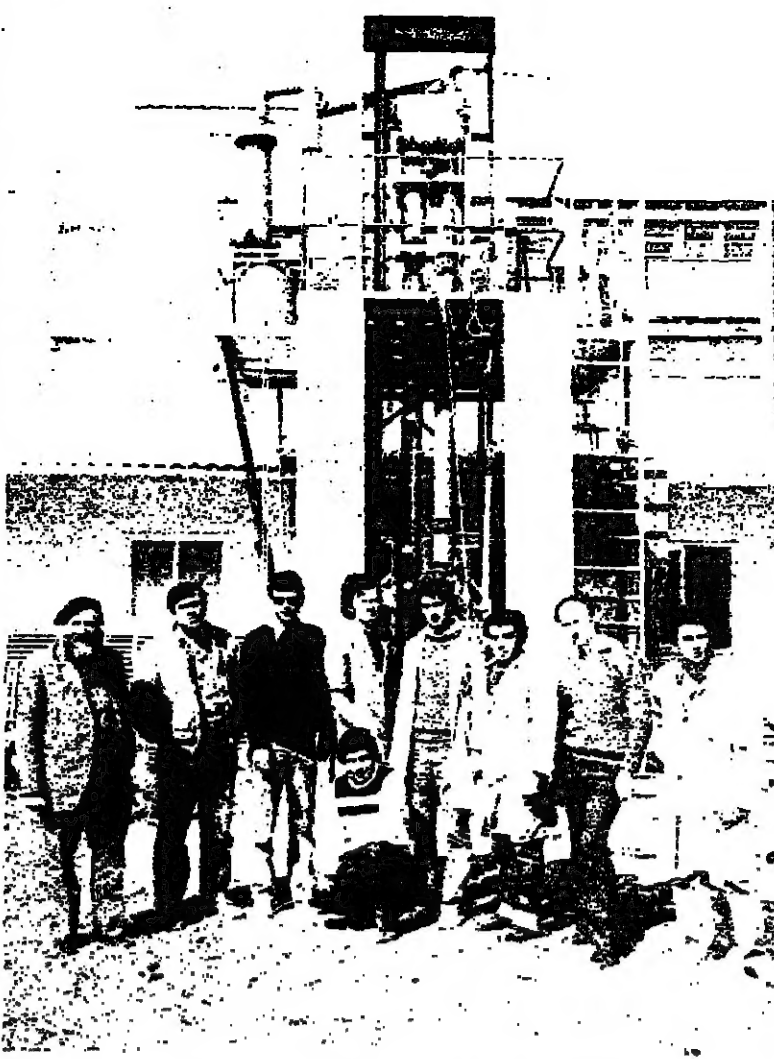
Speaking to the second Israel Materials Engineering Conference at Ben-Gurion University on Thursday, Ovadia Harari said that with recent rapid advances in electronics, the problem today is how to exploit such knowledge without placing three pilots in the cockpit.

One partial solution, he said, is instrumentis currently being developed to monitor a plane's stability in flight, which suffers in high-performance jets. Such equipment would free pilots for their direct mission: hitting targets.

2 held in smoke-bombing at Netivot police station

NETIVOT — Two 21-year-old local men have been detained for questioning after two army-issue smoke grenades were thrown at the police station here at 9:25 p.m. Friday.

Negev District Police immediately sent an investigation team because a similar incident had occurred 20 days previously.



Prof. Herman Branover (left) and his staff stand outside the revolutionary power plant which is to debut this week at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Rain not mainly on the plain this year

BEIT DAGAN (Itim) — February has been drier than average so far, continuing the season-long trend, according to officials at the meteorological station here. Between 60 and 70 per cent of the month's annual rainfall has occurred in most of the country's north and centre, they said, though some areas, including Haifa, Jerusalem and Nabulus, have received between 80 and 95 per cent of their February averages.

In Beersheba, only 10 per cent of the average precipitation for the month has occurred.

The figures for the season as a whole are similar. With winter already on the way out, less than half the average year's rain has fallen on most of the coastal plain, including the Tel Aviv area, around the Dead Sea and in the Negev. Only in Upper Galilee, Mt. Carmel and Jerusalem has precipitation reached 80 per cent of normal.

Slight fall in Egyptian crossings

BEERSHEBA (Itim) — The number of persons crossing the border between Israel and Egypt in both directions fell slightly in 1983 as compared with 1982.

The figures, published in this month's Airports Authority report, show that while 398,271 crossed the border in 1982, only 385,772 did so in 1983. While in the first three months of 1983, 34 people crossed the border at Nitzana, not a single person crossed there for the remainder of the year.

This January, the report continues, 138 Egyptian tourists crossed to Israel at Rafiah, while 1,165 Israelis crossed in the other direction. Some 900 tourists from Arab countries came to Israel via Rafiah last month.

At Nitzana last month, only two Egyptian tourists crossed into Israel.

Exports from Egypt to Israel last month, namely books and almonds, totalled \$35,000, compared to \$200,000 worth of exports from Israel to Egypt. Israeli exports included eggs for fertilization, chicken-run equipment, feed, screws and books.

Zaire tourism minister expected for week's visit

Tourism Minister Najoli Balanga of Zaire is scheduled to arrive today for a week's stay as guest of Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir. Balanga will meet with President Herzog, Prime Minister Shamir and newspaper editors. He will tour the country and hold talks with Sharir.

Unique Negev power plant to make its debut Tuesday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA — The world debut of a facility for converting energy directly into electricity is to take place Tuesday evening during the fourth tri-annual international conference of MHD — Flows and Turbulence Here. The system was successfully tested last week at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The system is unique, according to Prof. Herman Branover, because its magneto hydro-dynamic (MHD) generator works with liquid metal rather than with plasma.

"Until now, there was usually a turbine converting heat to mechanical energy movement, and this in turn powers a generator

which results in electricity," Branover explained. "But in our MHD generator there is no intermediate stage and there is only one machine, with no moving parts."

"In principle, the generator is a static pipe placed between the poles of a magnet in which there is a flow of liquid metal such as mercury, which has a low melting point."

The beauty of the system, Branover said, is that there is very little that can go wrong, so maintenance costs are low. It is also flexible regarding heat sources, being able to convert solar energy sources, including waste industrial heat.

Branover has worked on the project for five years.

Workers veto compromise, lose benefits

ASHDOD (Itim) — The Ashdod Labour Council on Friday removed its backing from the three-month-old strike at the Rogosin nylon-fibre plant here, following the workers' rejection of a compromise put forth by the council.

As a result, the workers will no longer receive the strike pay they had been getting every two weeks since the dispute broke out over the firing of 78 employees. The dismissals, following the shutdown of one division by the firm and cutbacks in others, were ruled legal by the Tel Aviv region Labour Court.

After negotiations lasting many weeks, a compromise proposal under which only 20 persons would lose their jobs was raised, but at a stormy meeting Thursday night, the

workers accepted works committee chairman Eliahu Cohen's urgings and turned it down. Only eight of those present voted to accept the labour council appeal to return to work, while 180 voted to continue the strike.

The Rogosin management has indicated that it wants to move the factory elsewhere. Wages in Ashdod's heavy industries — the port, a power station, oil refineries and metal works — cannot be matched by a textile firm, according to general manager Ariel Stern.

Rogosin has bought land in another town, he said at a press conference two months ago, and erected a building. Some two weeks ago, several machines were removed from the Ashdod plant.

Soltam workers continue pay dispute

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The 1,500 workers at the Soltam arms and ammunition factory in Yokne'am are continuing their industrial action in support of pay claims.

The works committee decided at a meeting on Friday that it would not suspend sanctions, despite a promise from the management of the firm's parent company, Koor, to open negotiations. The management is due to meet representatives of the Koor works committee

tomorrow to discuss workers' demands to bring wages in line with those of Koor's clerical staff, whose salaries were recently raised 25 per cent.

The Soltam workers decided to continue starting work at 8 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. and to maintain their ban on overtime. They will also take a break between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

A spokesman for the Soltam works committee said workers decided to continue the sanctions until Tuesday, pending the outcome of the talks.

U.S. pledges tight security on Stingers

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Jordan would be required to comply with extremely strict security measures as part of an agreement to buy U.S.-made Stinger missiles, the Reagan administration said Thursday.

"We're designing the tightest possible security system" to prevent the missiles or the technology from being stolen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Pelletreau told a U.S. House of Representatives sub-committee.

The security measures would include random inspections by the U.S. and regular inventory checks, he said. Only U.S. and Jordanian personnel would have access to the missiles, he added.

The administration told Congress on February 9 of its plans to sell 1,613 Stinger portable anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan for \$38 million. Under U.S. law, Congress must be notified of all major foreign arms sales.



This car was wrecked in Jerusalem's Baka neighbourhood over the weekend in what was reportedly a gang warfare attack. (Rahamin Israeli)

Three cars set afire in East Jerusalem garage

Three cars were set on fire yesterday in Wadi Joz in East Jerusalem, police said. The cars, parked in one of the garages, sustained heavy damage. A garage in the area was

set afire on Thursday night. Police said the incidents were against a background of a quarrel between two garage owners. (Itim)

Arabs held 3 months for illegal building

By YOEL DAR
Special to the Jerusalem Post

NAZARETH — Israeli Arab leaders including Knesset members and heads of local councils have urged the Interior Ministry to immediately free five Beduin who have been arrested until they agree to demolish, with their own hands, houses illegally built 10 years ago.

The five were detained three months ago by Acre Magistrates Court at the request of Northern District planning commission. Its legal adviser claimed that the five, who belong to the Al-Kamana tribe near Carmiel, refused to comply with the order, which was affirmed

by the Haifa District Court and by the Supreme Court.

"The five, mocked the law and those who attempt to enforce it," one government official said on Friday.

The Beduin's lawyer has asked for their release because sincere efforts are being made by Arab mediators to find a solution to this unprecedented case. Some MKs have suggested extending the tribe's area of jurisdiction, to enable the granting of permits to the detained persons. But the Interior Ministry categorically rejected the proposal, explaining that such a move would encourage others to disobey the law as well.

Reputed drug dealer stabbed to death in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV (Itim) — A 27-year-old Holon man was stabbed to death last night in the Hatikva Quarter here in what police believe was a drug-related murder.

Nahum Tamar was stabbed in several places, and left lying in a pool of blood on Rehov Eizel in the south Tel Aviv neighbourhood. It is believed that he was drawn there by

his assailants under the pretext of a drug deal. He was brought by passersby to Wolfson Hospital, where he died.

Police said that Tamar, who was married last month, was a known drug dealer. They have already questioned persons known to have been in contact with him, but no one was arrested immediately.

TOMORROW Civil Defence Exercise in Haifa Bay Area

A Civil Defence exercise will be held in the Haifa Bay area tomorrow, Monday, February 27 between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. During the course of the exercise there will be simulated firing and explosions, and the all-clear will be sounded. In case of an actual alert, siren sounds will be on an ascending-descending scale.

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NIGHT FLIGHT

NEW YORK EXPRESS

Iran, Iraq each claim victory in fierce battle

NICOSIA. — Iran and Iraq reported fierce ground fighting yesterday. Each claimed to have repulsed repeated enemy assaults north of the Iraqi port city of Basra, while their air forces carried out day-long retaliatory bombing raids against each others cities.

Iran, the official Iranian news agency, said Iranian forces repulsed four Iraqi counter-attacks along the strategic Basra-al-Amarah highway. In what it described as an "unprecedented" feat in the course of the 42-month-old war, the agency said Iranian anti-aircraft gunners shot down six Iraqi helicopter gunships. "None of the occupants escaped death," it added.

While reporting "savagely" bombardment by Iraqi jets against two towns in the Kurdish region of western Iran, Iran said Iran's own warplanes raided 10 Iraqi towns and cities, some deep inside Iraq. The raids destroyed "administrative and economic installations" in retaliation for Iraqi missile and air raid attacks on Iranian cities on Friday, Iran reported.

Iraq yesterday said its forces had killed nearly 7,000 Iranian troops during the past 24 hours. The nightly high command communiqué said two Iranian jets and seven helicopter gunships were also shot down during a day in which Iran carried out air raids against towns in northern and southern Iraq.

The communiqué said more than 3,500 Iranian were killed in a two-pronged attack early yesterday on the left and right flanks of the Iraqi Fourth Army Corps in the Misan (Amarah) sector of the front.

In the Third Corps area east of the port city of Basra, Iraq said its forces killed 3,376 Iranian troops. Hundreds were also captured in the

continuing Iranian offensive which started last Wednesday.

The communiqué said fighting was continuing on the Basra front. Iraqi casualties were not given.

The communiqué said Iraqi jets carried out 281 sorties on the southern front for the loss of one plane. It added that Iraqi planes and helicopter gunships shot down seven Iranian helicopters, including two big Chinook helicopters, and three Cobra gunships.

The new Iraqi claim brings to 15,000 the Iranian soldiers Baghdad says were killed since Iran launched its operation "Kheibar" last Wednesday on the Basra-al-Amarah highway in an attempt to isolate Basra from the rest of the country. Iran claims its forces killed or wounded more than 7,000 Iraqi soldiers in the same period.

Iraq yesterday also announced that 10 high-ranking members of a secret military cell of Iran's outlawed Communist party, Tudeh, were executed on Friday.

Describing the executed as "self-confessed spies," Iran said they included Capt. Bahram Afzali, former commander of the Iranian navy, and three colonels.

In Moscow yesterday, the Soviet press switched from a policy of strict impartiality in covering the war and devoted more space to Baghdad's version of events.

A report by the official news agency Tass gave Iraq's version of the present fighting at some length and quoted Third Army Commander Maher Abed al-Rashid as saying his forces had routed "enemy groups" who crossed into Iraqi territory.

It devoted only a third as much space to Iran's account. (AP, Reuters)

L.A. sniper slays schoolgirl, takes own life, police say

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A sniper opened fire on a crowded elementary school playground on Friday, killing a young girl and wounding at least 12 other people. He was later found dead in a home where he had barricaded himself.

Police found the man's body when they stormed the house nearly four hours after the shootings began as classes at the 49th Street elementary school were letting out for the weekend.

"He took his own life," said a police spokesman.

The dead man's fiancée said his parents and other relatives died at

the mass cult suicide-murder at Jonestown in 1978 and that she and the man, Tyrone Mitchell, 28, would have gone to the South American settlement too, but were held up by a passport problem.

Police fired tear gas cannisters into the house and battered down the door. They had evacuated the neighborhood and surrounded the house shortly after the shooting erupted from a house near the school, 8 kilometres south of the central business district.

Lew Ritter, deputy chief of operations for the Los Angeles police department, said at least 12 people were wounded.

U.S. to enhance F-15 fighter bomber

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Air Force on Friday chose the F-15 jet fighter for development into a warplane able to attack ground targets deep inside enemy territory day or night and in all weather.

Gen. Charles Gabriel, air force chief of staff, decided for the F-15, made by McDonnell Douglas, over the competing F-16 manufactured by General Dynamics, for modification as a "dual role fighter." The Pentagon plans to spend \$1.5 billion on the programme.

The announcement said that 392 F-15s already planned for production will be modified for the

broadened role, with production due to begin in 1986. A contract to develop these F-15s for a new role will be awarded in the near future, the air force said.

Although the F-15 can, as now designed, hit some ground targets, its main mission is gaining air superiority over the battlefield.

PROTEST. — The Japanese Foreign Ministry lodged protests on Friday with the embassies of the Soviet Union, the U.S., France, China and Britain against nuclear tests by those countries, most of them carried out last year.



About 2,000 trucks wait to cross the French-Italian border at the Mount Blanc Tunnel on Thursday at the height of problems caused by an Italian customs work-to-rule action. (UPI telephone)

Politburo holds first session under Chernenko's lead

MOSCOW (AP). — The ruling 12-man Politburo held its first known session last week under the leadership of Konstantin Chernenko, who delivered a speech on the economy, indicating he will continue the discipline drive of his predecessor, Yuri Andropov.

Under Andropov, the official news agency Tass began issuing Friday reports on the weekly Thursday meeting of the Politburo as part of a campaign to make the top leadership appear more accountable to those it governs.

On Friday, a similar Tass report, which was also read on the main evening television news, indicated Chernenko intended to continue the practice.

According to the Tass report, Chernenko "defined the major directions of the development of the Soviet economy" at the Politburo meeting.

He was quoted as calling for increased technical progress and better "organization, order and discipline" — all watchwords of Andropov's effort to get the Soviet economy going.

Chernenko also said that it "must be the constant concern of the party and the state" to strengthen

national defence, Tass said.

Defence Minister Marshal Dmitri Ustinov on Friday praised Chernenko for boosting the "armed might" of the Soviet Union in a speech that may mean Chernenko now holds the nation's top security post as head of the Defence Council.

The special praise for Chernenko's attention to defence appeared intended both to demonstrate military support for the new leader and to remind Chernenko of the need to heed the powerful military lobby.

Meanwhile, the founder of the Soviet Union's small independent peace movement said on Friday group members are resisting pressure to emigrate and determined to continue their unsanctioned antiwar campaign.

"Nobody has the intention of leaving," said Valery Godyak. "Some applied to emigrate years ago, but were refused and do not intend to leave now."

Godyak, in a telephone call through an interpreter, also expressed cautious hope that freedom of expression in the Soviet Union would increase somewhat under the new leader, Konstantin Chernenko.

Third Argentinian junta member held

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Argentina's highest military tribunal arrested the third and final member of the country's wartime ruling junta Thursday, pending a decision on their possible court-martialing on charges of incompetence and negligence in the 1982 Falklands War with Britain.

The Supreme Military Council heard four hours of testimony from Gen. Basilio Lami Dozo, 55, former air force commander, and ordered him confined at El Pacomir Air Force Base, northwest of Buenos Aires.

Aires. Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri, the former president and army commander and Adm. Jorge Anaya, navy chief, testified Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, and were placed under arrest in military facilities near the capital pending final decisions on their cases.

The three men, who formed the junta that ruled this nation from 1981 until July, 1982, are among 16 high-ranking officers accused in a report compiled by an interbranch commission that spent six months investigating Argentina's performance in the war.

Christina Onassis to marry French businessman

PARIS (AP). — Greek shipping heiress Christina Onassis will take a wealthy French businessman as her fourth husband.

The wedding date for Onassis, 33, and Thierry Roussel, 31, has not yet been set.

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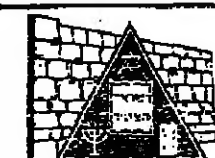


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Five more Hindus slain in Punjab state

NEW DELHI (AP). — Four Hindus were found dead and another was shot and killed in the troubled Punjab yesterday as the number of terrorist slayings in northern India reached 73, state authorities said.

Curfews in six riot-battered Punjab cities were extended until tomorrow. The curfews were imposed after widespread rioting and arson broke out during a February 14 general strike staged by a Hindu organization to protest Sikh violence.

In the Indian capital, Lt. Gov. Jag Mohan held urgent discussions with police and civilian officials af-

ter the right-wing Bharatiya Janata (Indian People's) Party called for a daylong shutdown here tomorrow. The party is protesting what it called "the government's failure to halt the killings of innocent people in Punjab."

The strike "could spark new tensions and result in yet another confrontation far removed from any constructive action in resolving the Punjab tangle," the *Indian Express*, the country's largest English-language daily, said in an editorial yesterday.

Unidentified Sikh terrorists fatally shot a villager in remote

Ferozepur District, 375 kilometres northwest of here near the border of Pakistan, the state officials said.

Four bullet-ridden bodies were found near two villages outside the Sikh sacred city of Amritsar about 100kms. north of Ferozepur. The officials said only one body had been identified. Two of the other victims were wearing railway uniforms.

Police and paramilitary troops meanwhile were posted along trains and outside important Sikh temples in Punjab in a move to deter terrorist attacks.

Relatives of East German PM seeking asylum

BONN (AP). — Six relatives of East German Prime Minister Willi Stoph were holed up yesterday inside the Czechoslovakia Embassy in West Germany demanding political asylum, the Bonn government said.

It was the third such incident involving western legations behind the iron curtain reported in a month.

Spokesman Joseph Dolezal of the West German Ministry of Intra-German Affairs told the Associated Press in a telephone interview that Stoph's niece, her husband, two children and mother-in-law sought refuge in the Prague embassy on Friday.

The family refused to leave unless

given immediate permission to emigrate to West Germany, he said.

The three countries were trying to resolve the standoff through diplomatic channels, according to Dolezal. Delicate negotiations were still under way yesterday evening.

Stoph is No. 2 in the Communist East German leadership, behind President and Communist Party chief Erich Honecker.

The official East German news agency ADN made no mention of the incident, which was similar to one January 20, when six East Germans seeking asylum were given safe passage to West Germany after refusing to leave the U.S. Embassy in East Berlin for two days.

There have also been unconfirmed reports in the West German press that 12 East Germans sought refuge inside the West German legation in East Berlin a few days later and were also given safe passage to the West.

The Hamburg-based newspaper *Welt am Sonntag* said three other East Germans also were holed up inside the Prague mission, but they were not identified. The Foreign Ministry in Bonn declined to comment on the report.

Dolezal confirmed that West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl had been notified of the incident Friday night while holding talks in Paris with President Francois Mitterrand.

Boeing's new airliner makes maiden flight

SEATTLE (Reuters). — Boeing's new 737-300 airliner, a quieter and more efficient version of the original 737 built 17 years ago, made a three-hour maiden flight on Friday.

A company spokesman said the 140-seat medium-range 737-300 has so far won 56 orders from four U.S. airlines, Britain's Orion Airways and Canada's CP Air.

Friday's flight, which took place a week ahead of schedule, starts a nine-month test programme. Boeing hopes to begin deliveries in November.

More E. Germans allowed out

BONN (AP). — Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Friday lauded a sudden increase in East Germans allowed to move West, as more than twice the normal number of eastern refugees with exit visas poured into a West German camp 90 kilometres from the border.

On both last Wednesday and Thursday, 80 to 100 East Germans arrived at the federal emergency camp at Giessen, and more continued arriving Friday, the deputy director of the camp, Agno Saemisch, said.

That is two to three times as many

as the average daily influx of 30 refugees, he said.

"Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl is cheered over each one that comes to us," a government spokesman told a news conference in Bonn.

The East Germans, who were from all age groups, were "as surprised as we were" that they had suddenly been granted exit visas, he said.

Some had waited for months or years for permission to leave the Communist-ruled country.

Commons getting out of control, MP says

LONDON (AP). — Bawling abuse, shouting down opponents, jostling for seats — unruly legislators have turned the House of Commons into an ugly farce and tougher action should be taken against the culprits, say critics inside and outside Parliament.

Members of Parliament should support the Speaker of the Commons, Bernard Weatherill, "to restore a situation that is rapidly getting out of control and dishonouring Parliament and the British people," legislator Robert Rhodes James said on Friday night.

Speaking at a Cambridge University politics seminar, he said that although British politics remains an honourable profession attracting people of high ability, it has also attracted in recent years "the noisy,

shallow, self-important opportunist on the make."

"Unhappily, the latter group seem significantly over-represented in the House of Commons," he declared.

A former member of the legal clerk's department of the Commons and member of Parliament for Cambridge for the past seven years, he said the "moronic uproar" had turned the twice-weekly prime minister's question time into an "ugly farce."

Prime minister's question time, starting at 3.15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, is when the prime minister answers questions from Commons legislators on every conceivable matter of government. It is noted for its lively cut and thrust. But the uproar it creates has become notorious of late, with

rank-and-file opponents trying to shout each other down, while Conservative Premier Margaret Thatcher answering questions and opposition Labour leader Neil Kinnock and other legislators asking them must bawl to make themselves heard.

Often they are drowned out for minutes on end, while Weatherill repeatedly yells "order, order" in a bid to restore calm.

Some of the worst uproar comes from seats traditionally occupied by leftist members of the Labour Party known as the Tribune group. But Rhodes James also criticized his own Conservative Party, saying it was impossible to think "surrounded as one is by so many colleagues who appear incapable of doing so in any event."

West German general to replace Kiessling

CASTEAU, Belgium (AP). — West German General Hans-Joachim Mack, 55, was appointed deputy supreme allied commander in Europe by his government, the military headquarters of the NATO alliance announced on Friday.

He will replace German General Guenther Kiessling, who was relieved from the post for alleged homosexuality, but who has since been rehabilitated.

Cuban would-be hijacker sentenced to 25 years

MIAMI (AP). — A Cuban refugee was sentenced on Thursday to 25 years in prison for trying to hijack a U.S. airline last year with petrol and a toy pistol.

Antonio Montanel, 26, was convicted by a jury January 16 on an aircraft piracy charge stemming from the September 14, 1983 incident at Miami International Airport.

Testimony showed Montanel tried to board a Piedmont Aviation flight with a plastic bottle containing petrol and a concealed toy pistol.

Theatre 'Thatcher' striptease upsets MP

LONDON (AP). — A London theatre's plans to stage a play in which an actress playing Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher does a striptease were attacked on Friday by a conservative lawmaker.

MP David Ames said the play, *A Mad World My Masters*, by Barry Keefe, destined for the Theatre Royal in the East London district of Stratford, is a "disgrace." His attack, during a debate in the House of Commons, brought roars of laughter from members of the opposition Labour Party.

AIRLINE STRIKE. — Cabin crews staged a one-day strike against British Airways on Friday, forcing the cancellation of scores of flights.

Mrs. Gaddafi to India strictly on 'goodwill visit'

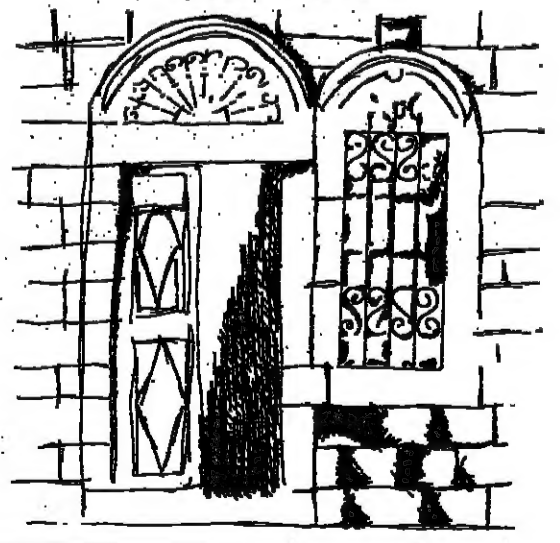
NEW DELHI (Reuters). — The Libyan Embassy yesterday dampened newspaper speculation that a visit here by the wife of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi is connected with stepped up fighting in the

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An embassy spokesman told reporters the visit by Saffiya Gaddafi is solely a good will trip planned several months ago to underline close ties between India and Libya.

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EMPLOYING young men as drivers in the army is like hiring typhoid carriers to be waiters — thus Dr. Elihu Richter of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School illustrates a symptom of what he calls the country's "Number One public health epidemic": traffic accidents.

"There is simply a misfit between macho and driving," says Richter, a specialist in preventive medicine and epidemiology. "Young men are not made to drive. No matter how you cut the cake, they are much more dangerous than their female counterparts."

"Unfortunately, society has a negative stereotype of the woman driver, who is seen as being slow. But a young man's speedy reflexes, and his ability and desire to take risks, is what kills, while her 'problem' is what saves lives!"

Official data on traffic accidents in the U.S. and Israel — which has a much higher rate of accidents than other western nations, despite the relative paucity of drunken drivers — all point to one fact, says Richter: "The highest risk group on the road is young men between the ages of 18 and 21."

"The chance of these drivers being involved in an accident is as much as two-and-a-half times greater than that of other groups of drivers. Thus in this country, the army's heavy dependency on them carries with it a built-in risk."

Statistics show that young drivers of both sexes — the number of which is on the rise — tend to travel faster than their elders. But, notes Richter, "Young men are impulsive and rebellious. And those who have had a poor education are even more of a risk."

Although the epidemiologist believes that "if the army were to substitute women drivers for the men, it could reduce the number of accidents," he realizes that this may not be a practical solution. Richter works with the IDF's accident prevention unit and knows it opposes using women drivers, for reasons outlined by the unit's head, Shlomo Kaufman (not his real name).

"There are women soldiers who serve as drivers for officers who use small vehicles," Kaufman explains, "But it's a different story if we are

There is a misfit between macho and driving — young men are just not safe drivers, charges Dr. Elihu Richter of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School. If the army used women drivers instead, the number of accidents would drop dramatically, he tells Amy Levinson.



talking about five-ton lorries, semi-trailers, jeeps and so on.

"If we have to deliver equipment to a base in the middle of nowhere, we usually send one driver. If there is a problem with the vehicle — let's say, more serious than a flat tire — then a woman driver in this situation would have trouble. She'd need help, perhaps another driver, and that would mean twice as much work for the army."

Kaufman adds that another rationale for not using women drivers who, he agrees, are statistically safer than men, is that "there is a great deal of public sensitivity to women soldiers being in combat areas" which rules out using them as drivers in wartime.

"Men are simply more versatile as drivers, more mobile. I believe that women are capable of doing many jobs in the IDF and that the principle of using them as drivers is sound, but in reality, it won't work."

The IDF's accident prevention staff devote their energies to turning out safer drivers because they are aware of the high risk involved in selecting young men for those jobs, stresses Kaufman.

"Our standards are extremely high — higher than those relating to civilian drivers," he says.

"We're dealing with young, inexperienced drivers, who, in the army, drive much further each day than do civilians, and under much greater pressure. We know what the statistics say about young male drivers, so we are obligated to do all we can to see that they are safe."

Kaufman was not at liberty to reveal statistics comparing deaths in civilian and army-related traffic accidents, but he did provide a breakdown of these according to type of accident. Statistics from 1982 (the most recent available) show that a majority (52 per cent) of civilian traffic fatalities involve pedestrians, whereas a smaller percentage (28 per cent) of fatalities in army-related traffic accidents involve pedestrians.

Some 33 per cent of deaths in civilian accidents result from collisions, while 35 per cent of deaths in army accidents occur under those circumstances. Other accidents — particularly one-car crashes — account for 37 per cent of army traffic accident deaths. Only 15 per cent of

civilian accident deaths are caused by such accidents.

The higher percentage of fatalities in this category, involving army vehicles, is due, Kaufman explains, to the fact that IDF drivers drive cumbersome, heavy vehicles, on difficult roads and under tough conditions. This has particularly been the case in Lebanon, where unwieldy loads are transported by the IDF along poor roads.

"It's hard to compare civilian and army accidents," he stresses. "Again, our drivers are dealing with different kinds of vehicles under different circumstances, so it is hard to compare statistics. For us, every road is a 'red' (dangerous) road."

Who are the young men selected by the army to be drivers?

They are often not suitable for other army jobs and, according to Kaufman, have a natural talent for driving or car mechanics.

"An army driver won't qualify to be a pilot," he explains, "but then a pilot won't qualify to be a driver. In some ways, the job of the driver is even more difficult. A pilot in a dangerous situation has a way out — he can parachute, he has someone to give him answers — but a driver must make snap decisions on his own, in no time."

Army drivers undergo a variety of courses, many dealing with road safety. As reserve soldiers, they are required to take refresher courses. Together with the Road Safety Authority, the IDF has instituted study days for groups of soldiers, in which examples of army accidents are discussed in depth.

"Drivers that pass through these sorts of programmes become more aware of the dangers," Kaufman says. "And it is this awareness that changes their behaviour on the road."

"We are very careful about the use and maintenance of every vehicle, and we are also very strict in our punishment for drivers who are involved in any type of accident. After every incident, we open a file."

All these facts notwithstanding, it is still Richter's view that "we are paying a horrible price in terms of road accidents" due to the IDF's "disproportionate dependence on male drivers."

"It is still worthwhile," he says, "to try to work out a way to use more women drivers."

A legal mitzva

Rabbi Moshe Antelman, head of America's Supreme Rabbinical Court, is aiding Israeli women entangled in divorce proceedings, writes Lea Levavi.

who cannot get a divorce) is like a prisoner. In *Halacha* all prisoners are considered to be in danger of their lives and saving a life is always imperative."

He said there was ample evidence that the case was not frivolous. The couple had been living apart for more than 15 years; it was obviously not a case of a woman who was just tired of being married or who had a lover.

Antelman pointed out that in the

11th century, it was common practice to write into the *ketubah*, (marriage contract) a clause empowering the rabbinical court to give the wife a divorce if the husband were cruel to her.

"That became so taken for granted that they stopped bothering to write it in the *ketubah*," he said. "Unfortunately, after a while they stopped practicing it as well."

The divorce which Antelman's court gave Yahalomi was a *get*

zechia, a divorce for her benefit.

"Some say it is also for the husband's benefit," the rabbi explained. "After all, in a case like this, the husband cannot obey the commandment 'be fruitful and multiply' and he is also committing an offence against religious law by forcing his wife to live in sorrow and by not performing the mitzva of giving her a divorce. It is certainly for the wife's benefit, since it releases her from prison."

Antelman had sent the husband — Shlomo Yahalomi — a copy of the *halachic* rationale for the decision and had given him a reasonable time to state his objections or to give his wife a divorce himself. The husband failed to reply.

"If he did not want to be credited with the mitzva of divorcing his wife, we took the mitzva upon ourselves," said the rabbi.

He registered the divorce at the U.S. Embassy here. As for the Israeli rabbinical courts, they apparently did not take kindly to it but accepted it *de facto* because there is a rule in *Halacha* which forbids one rabbinical court from questioning the *halachic* judgment of other rabbinical courts.

"The husband appealed to the rabbinical court here in Tel Aviv asking them to invalidate the divorce, but they told him there is nothing they can do... I asked several rabbis what flaws they find in my *halachic* arguments and why they disagree but I never got a straight answer," recalled Antelman.

If she remarries, will her children be *mamzerim* (bastards)? No, according to Antelman; one *rebbetzen* in the audience insisted vociferously that they would.

"If she is accused of bigamy, it will go to civil (criminal) courts and they will uphold the divorce," Antelman explained. "She is free according to *Halacha* and her children by a new husband will not be bastards."

Has Antelman provided an answer for one woman, Ruth Yahalomi, or for the many *agunot* in Israel?

"We felt that at the very least a woman would be free," he answered, "though we hope the *get* we have charted will be followed as a solution in other cases."

Sylvia Mandelbaum — who has spent many years trying to help *agunot* in this country and was the author of the article which first aroused Antelman's interest in the Yahalomi case — said she is glad to see his approach stirring up controversy. Debate, public and *halachic*, she said, can lead to solutions to the problems of *agunot*.

IF A MAN refuses to divorce his wife, a rabbinical court should give her a divorce instead of him.

That, at least, is the opinion of the Supreme Rabbinical Court of America, as expounded by its head, Rabbi Moshe Antelman.

Antelman earns his living as a chemist, dividing his time between working at the Weizmann Institute and at his own scientific consulting firm near Boston. His rabbinical work is purely voluntary. His court, founded in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, deals only with unusual cases.

An unmarried woman who was pregnant and wanted a *halachic* solution to her problem came to his court. The court declared the couple married and when the boyfriend objected, Antelman told him that from the day of the young man's circumcision, the Jewish rabbinical

courts were empowered to exercise their jurisdiction over him.

In another case, an ultra-observant Jew was committed to a mental hospital for what psychiatrists considered too much fasting; Antelman and his colleagues won the man his freedom.

The court became involved in a complicated Israeli divorce case after the rabbi read an article in *The Jewish Press* about Ruth Yahalomi, who had been litigating in Israel's rabbinical and civil courts for almost 20 years.

"Reform and Conservative rabbis began writing critical articles against the Israeli rabbinical courts, and we felt it was our duty to take action to protect the honour of the *Halacha*," Antelman told an audience in Tel Aviv recently. "Many important rabbis have ruled that an *aguna* (deserted wife or wife

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round."

Seaman wrote for several women's magazines and was a columnist and editor at *Ladies Home Journal*. She published articles about women's rights long before feminism had a name. Her articles struck a chord in many women who had done everything that was expected of them — and were still unhappy.

In 1969, Seaman's first book, *The Doctors' Case Against the Pill*, was published. This was followed in 1972 by *Free and Female*, and *Women and the Crisis in Sex Hormones* in 1977. The Hebrew feminist

anthology, *Isha, Nashim Nashim* (Women, Women, Womanliness), a collection of basic feminist writings, and the first book of feminist theory published in Hebrew, excerpted a portion of *Free and Female*.

SHE IS currently working on a new book, a biography of Jacqueline Suzanne, a Jewish American woman born in 1918, who became a novelist after undergoing mastectomy, and subsequently died of cancer.

Seaman has been active in the feminist movement in the U.S. for many years, and has been especially involved with health-related issues. She is also involved with Jewish feminist groups. But why the need for separate Jewish feminist groups? "Because there are special

problems with Jewish men! Judaism is a patriarchal religion; and its ancestors invented patriarchy, and it's painful. So, for instance, in New York we celebrate a women's seder. This has now become an annual event, in which we celebrate our female forebears, and for which we have our own *haggadah* written by women."

There are other serious conflicts. Many women involved in the feminist movement in the U.S. are PLO supporters. This, naturally, has evoked stronger Zionist feelings among Jewish feminists, explained Seaman. The battle-lines are drawn up, and the positions are hardening.

"We need separate Jewish groups to work out our own positions."

And what place does Israel play in her life? "It's my spiritual home," she said.

Seaman and the other members of the Jewish Awareness Group have been meeting with Israeli writers, intellectuals, Knesset members,

foreign office personnel, and have visited kibbutzim, the Golan Heights and the Good Fence.

The group was started some eight years ago in New York, and meets once a month "to agonize over what it means to be Jewish in the modern world." Many feminist activists, such as Betty Freidan, Letty Cottin Pogrebin and Cynthia Ozick, are members of the group, and its *modus operandi* is modelled on the consciousness-raising group of the feminist movement.

Seaman has been impressed by Israel, and on her return to New York sees her job as trying to strengthen the Jewish commitment of Jewish feminists, and to tell non-Jewish women "how it really is." Her strongest impressions of Israel were its physical beauty — "the special quality of the light in Jerusalem" — and the sexism here.

"I feel torn as to which is my first



loyalty. As women, we are oppressed by Jewish men. At the same time, as Jews we are warring with non-Jewish feminists. But I don't feel isolated, because Jewish women are so terrific!"

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MIDDLE EAST TV (From T.A. north): 19:00 Good News 19:30 Westbrook Hospital 19:40 Inside 19:50 Club 20:00 Afternoon Movie 19:30 Spiderman 19:40 Tamek 19:45 Flying House 19:50 Loreda 19:00 Cultural 20:00 Theatre Showcase 21:10 News in Review 21:30 Evening Cinema 22:40 Club

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music 6:02 Musical Clock 7:07 Cremona: Introduction and Variations on a Swedish Tune, for Violin and Piano; Schubert: Die Zauberkolben, overture 7:30 Gounod: Ballet Music from Faust; Berlioz: Nuits d'Été (Paris, Baronboim); Arnold: Guller Concerto (John Williams); Weber: Piano Quartet, Op. 8; Mozart: Symphony No. 29, K. 201 (Dresden, Colin Davis)

9:30 Teleman: Concerto for 2 Flutes, 2 Oboes and Orchestra; Bach: Motet; Haydn: String Quartet in B-flat major; Rachmaninoff: Cello Sonata; Glazunov: Piano Concerto No. 2; Vaughan-Williams: Symphony No. 5 (Royal Philharmonic, Alexander Gibson)

12:00 Bibiana Goldenthal, soprano; Ruth Menze, piano — Verdi: 5 Songs; Bartok: 3 Pieces; 5 Hungarian Songs; Tchaikovsky: piano — Prokofiev: Sonata No. 6

13:05 Bolledda: Zoraima et Zakmar, overture; Lortzing: Aria from Tzar and Zimmermann; Balakirev: Tamara; poem: Isaac; Chopin: for Piano and Winds (Fikovsky); Victoria: Motet; Haydn-Martin: Beguine Krollin; Mendelssohn: Konzertstück for Basses-Horn and Clarinet, Op. 114; Madrigals by Costeley, De Senneby and Passero; Mayana: Memento (Gibb Yarrow); Bartok: 2 Pieces, Op. 10 (Dorati)

15:00 The Choir of the Greek Catholic Church 15:30 Youth Programme 16:30 Bach: Cantata No. 109 (Giesinger-Kaisert, Helmuth Klügel); Monteverdi: Evening Prayer to the Virgin, part one 18:00 Music has Many Answers — Religious Music

FIRST PROGRAMME

6:30 Programmes for Olim 7:30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music) 9:30 Encounter — live family magazine 10:30 Programme in Easy Hebrew 11:10 School Broadcasts 11:30 Education for all 12:05 Songs 13:00 News in English 13:30 News in French 14:05 Children's programmes 15:25 World of Science (repeat) 15:53 Notes on a New Book 16:05 Free Period — live education magazine 17:12 Jewish Ideas 17:20 Everyman's University 18:05 Afternoon Classics 18:48 Bible Reading 19:05 Lesson in Talmud by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

19:30 Programmes for Olim 22:05 Child and Family Magazine

SECOND PROGRAMME

6:12 Gymnastics 6:30 Editorial Review 6:53 Green Light — drivers' corner 7:00 This Morning — news magazine 8:05 Safe Journey 9:05 House Call — with Rivka Mischali 10:10 All Shades of the Network 12:05 Open Line — news and music 13:00 Midday — news commentary, music 14:00 Matters of Interest 16:10 Safe Journey 17:10 Economics Magazine 17:30 Of Men and Figures

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and Gentleman 4.30, 7, 9.40; French Lieutenant's Woman 10.30, 1.30; Cassia One: Cutter and Bone; Chess: Conversation Piece 4.30, 7, 9.30; Dekel: To Be or Not to Be 7.15, 9.30; Drive-In: Goldfinger 7.15; Looking for Mr. Goodbar 9.30; Esther: Le Marginal 7.15, 9.30; Gat: I Love You Carmen; Gordon: Requiem for a Fool; Hady: Sahara: Law Is Return of Martin Guerre 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Lee: We of the Never Never 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Limor: The Chosen; Maxine: Who Will Love My Children? Mograbi: Under Fire; Orly: Near Window; Parat: The Missionary 11.12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Peet: Wedding Party; Shahar: Silkwood 4.30, 7,

9.30; Studio: Educating Rita; Tchelet: Tender Mercies; Tel Aviv: Slaying Alive; Tel Aviv Museum: Muddy River; Zafra: Fanny and Alexander 4.30, 8.30; Beth Hattelsoh: The Boys from Brazil 5 HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9

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BAMAT GAN

Armon: Cannery Row 7, 9.30; That Dam Cat 4; Lili: Meaning of Life 7.15, 9.30; Osh: Sudden Impact 7.15, 9.30; We are not Angels 4; Ordon: Who Will Love My Children? 7.15, 9.30; Ramon: Cam: To Be or Not to Be 7.15, 9.30

Tel Aviv MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum. New Exhibition: Comic Images in the Art of the 20th Century. Continuing Exhibitions: Fintz Leitersdorf, Israeli fashion designer; Michal Kishinev, photographs; Classical Painting in 17th and 18th centuries; Impressionism and Post-Impressionism; Twentieth Century Art; Israeli Art. Visiting Hours: Sun-Thur. 10-10. Fri. closed. Sat. 10-2; 7-10. Videns. Rubinstein Pavilion: Sun-Thur. 9-1; 5-9. Ext. 10-2. Fri. closed.

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GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

'Miracle' price-bubble deflates

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Financial Reporter

They were calling the magnificent seven-week old share-market rally that saw stock prices rise by some 50 per cent on the average as the "miracle of 1984." Many individual issues had risen by 100 per cent or more. Not only was it described as a "miracle" but it was called the initial expression of a return of confidence in Israel's economy.

But as we all know miracles do not last forever. The miracle bubble was considerably deflated last week as wave after wave of sellers came into the market and dropped prices sharply. The drop saw on each of two consecutive days the identical number of shares namely 219 fall by margins of 5 per cent and as high as 25 per cent.

The immediate reason behind the fall were Trade Minister Gideon Palti's statement a week ago in which he said the share market is full of excesses. No less a figure

than Aharon Meir, United Mizrahi Bank general manager was quoted as saying that there is no economic basis for the market's rapid rise and that the sharp gains do not portend favorably for its future.

Investors and speculators have become more sensitive to such pronouncements in recent years. The result was that the General Share Index fell by 4.46 per cent not including commercial banks. All sectors of trading were full participants in the fall in the market, and not even good financial prices could pull prices higher. This was the case with Supersol which announced a superb profit and loss statement along with the notice of an intention to distribute a 100% share bonus. Supersol shares declined in price the day after the announcement.

On Thursday, however, and notwithstanding the death of Ya'acov Levinson, the former chair-

man of Bank Hapoalim, the trend appeared to be changing as the General Share Index advanced by 3.37% and sharply gaining shares outpaced losers by a margin of two to one.

The paradox of last week's market was an underlying feeling of optimism felt in many quarters. Bank securities advisers pointed out that large sums had accumulated in both current dollar accounts and shekel accounts. These could easily be injected into the market at a moment's notice. It could well be that last week's action was part of a readjustment that may bring prices to lower levels that may create a situation more attractive to the investment community.

Opinions were divided regarding the future course of the share market. Some observers considered last week's price corrections completed while others suggested that caution be maintained rather than rushing back into the market.



Elisha Shahmoon, chairman of the Israel Export Institute, gets a spot report on business transacted during Fashion Week last week at the Hilton Hotel in Tel Aviv. (IPPA)

HU research improves drip irrigation

Scientists at the Hebrew University have developed a new approach to improve the operation of drip irrigation systems.

With drip irrigation water is "dripped" through thin pipes directly onto the roots of plants. This method minimizes evaporation and provides a highly controlled method for delivery of water and nutrients at a great saving in water. However, particles suspended in some of the water sources sometimes become entrapped in the pipes' narrow openings, causing blockages.

The team, headed by Dr. Avner Adin of the Water Treatment Technology Laboratory in the university's Human Environmental Sciences Department, has been conducting the research — the first of its kind in Israel — also holds great potential for dealing with water purification problems in different parts of the world.

The team is in the process of identifying the various types of insoluble particles (clay, silt, algae) found in the different water sources

currently used here — underground water treated waste water, Jordan River water and water from the National Water Carrier. The aim is to find the best ways of removing these particles from the water.

The researchers in cooperation with the central laboratory of Mekorot, recently carried out tests on water obtained from waste water treatment plants around the country. It has discovered differences in the types and sizes of particles in the treated water. As a result adjustments will be made in the various filtering methods and equipment to increase their efficiency.

The researchers also study materials found in Jordan River water. The Jordan is viewed by experts as an underutilized water resource which, if properly exploited, could lead to further development of the Jordan and Beit She'an valleys. At present, the large amount of silt in Jordan River water leads to blockages of drip irrigation pipes and prevents large-scale use of such water for other purposes as well.

Encouraging new managerial methods

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Increased efforts to apply new management methods and utilize the latest computerized systems are the keys to the renewed growth of the economy, Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i this week told the 3rd Annual Conference on the Application of Managerial In-

novations. The conference was held at the Israel Management Institute. It was sponsored by Bank Leumi as part of its ongoing program to increase the efficiency of commercial activities throughout the economy. Awards were granted for 46 papers describing projects already in application designed to streamline business operations.

One of the three top innovative applications published by the Israel Management Institute was the work of Carmela Chermesh of the Bank Leumi personnel department. Her project provides "a toll for mapping the scope of activity in a multi-branch organization." The system, presented for adoption by other businesses with nationwide branches, has been operational at Bank Leumi for the past four years.

Other winners were Arie Sachish and Ya'acov Assayag, who implemented a system of productivity measurement at Ashdod Port, and Yoseph Tishar, programme manager for aviation systems at Elbit. He was responsible for a performance measurement system and its implementation at the Elbit computer systems company.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

February 24, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	133.86
British sterling	196.37
German mark	50.782
French franc	16.473
Dutch guilder	44.950
Swiss franc	61.453
Swedish krona	17.035
Norwegian krone	17.678
Danish krone	13.834
Finnish mark	23.538
Canadian dollar	107.15
Australian dollar	126.30
South African rand	111.42
Belgian franc (10)	24.794
Austrian schilling (10)	71.989
Italian lire (100)	81.842
Japanese yen (100)	57.512
Irish pound	156.28
Spanish peseta (100)	88.386
Jordanian dinar	356.07
Lebanese lira	21.850
Egyptian pound	116.46

Friday's solutions

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QUICK SOLUTION
Across: 1. Cavalry charge; 7. Cheese; 8. Knapsack; 9. Mardian; 10. Silt; 11. Digger; 12. Stag; 13. Gored; 14. Actress; 17. Capri; 19. Amiable; 21. Neptune; 22. Fagbarras; 23. Andes; 24. Dress designer.
Down: 1. Cheer up; 2. Verses; 3. Years; 4. Halling; 5. Roister; 6. Engine-driver; 7. Come to a bad end; 8. Insurer; 9. Assent; 15. Thimble; 16. Barbaric; 17. Captain; 18. Plunder; 20. Erase.

WALL STREET WEEK

Some optimism despite low showings

NEW YORK (AP). — Even as the stock market fell to new 10-month lows in recent days, some practitioners of the art known as technical analysis were growing a bit more optimistic.

Some of them ventured the view that the long decline in stock prices since early January is approaching at least a temporary bottom.

One factor behind their view is the deepening gloom in most corners of the investment community. In classic market theory, declines tend to end when the mood is blackest among investors, because everyone who wanted to dump stocks already has.

"Our sentiment studies continue to improve as more bearish behaviour surfaces in the market," John Mendelson, technical analyst at the brokerage firm of Dean Witter Reynolds, reported in his latest bulletin to the firm's clients.

"Also, many industry groups are improving on our momentum charts. In short, we are more encouraged about the outlook for the stock market than we have been since last spring, but we are not there yet."

Stan Weinstein, who publishes the newsletter *The Professional Tape Reader* is a long way from upbeat in his assessment of the outlook however. "We feel it is time to start 'thinking the unthinkable,'" he wrote.

It now appears increasingly possible, he maintains, that the highs around 1,390 reached by the Dow Jones Industrial Average late last year will not be attained again in this market cycle. "If that indeed does turn out to be true," he added, "then by definition we are in a bear market."

Still, the stock market lent some

impressive support to the bullish camp with a sharp rally late last week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 blue chips soared 34.7 points on Friday to finish the week with a net gain of 16.23. The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index finished at 90.49, up .90 from the previous Friday's close. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index was up 1.70 at 207.36.

Big Board volume averaged 91.20 million shares a day last week against 86.45 million the week before.

The rally brought an end to a six-week slide of 137 points in the Dow Jones industrials from January 6 through February 17, which was the average's longest losing streak since it ran off a stretch of seven straight weekly declines in February and March of 1980.

Submarine cable to link Southeast Asia to Europe

SINGAPORE, (Reuters). — One of the world's longest submarine cables — a 408 mile link between Singapore and France — was given the go-ahead recently when representatives from 21 companies signed an agreement for the project.

"The cable will be the first to connect Asia, Africa and Europe and will have eight segments linking Singapore to France via Indonesia,

Sri Lanka, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Italy.

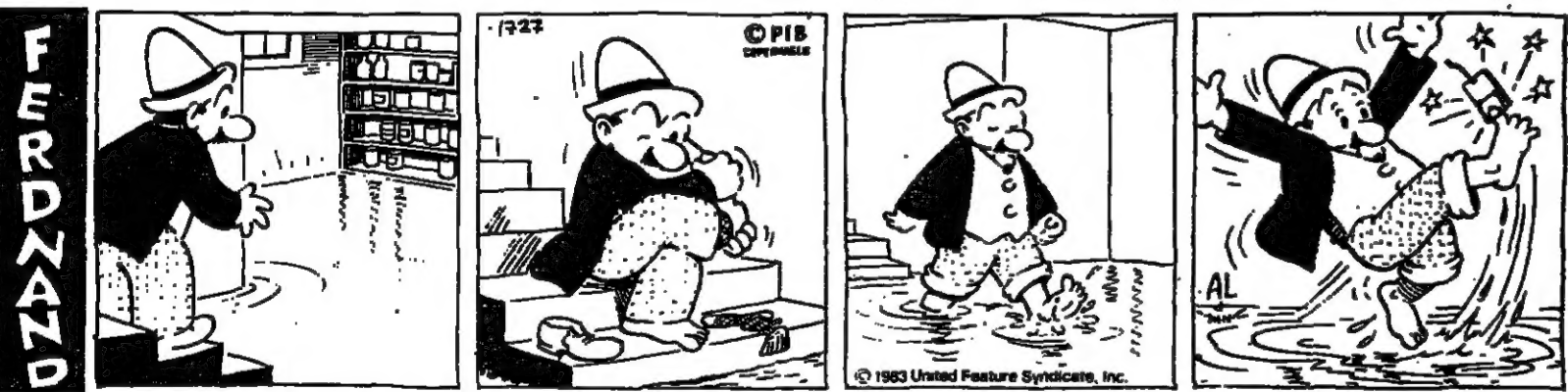
The 13,000 km. cable is scheduled to be operational in early 1986.

The major equity holders are France, with 19 per cent, Singapore with 18 per cent, and Saudi Arabia with 17 per cent.

Japan's Nippon Electric Company, Britain's Standard Telephone Cable, and France's Submarine Cable would install the system, officials said.

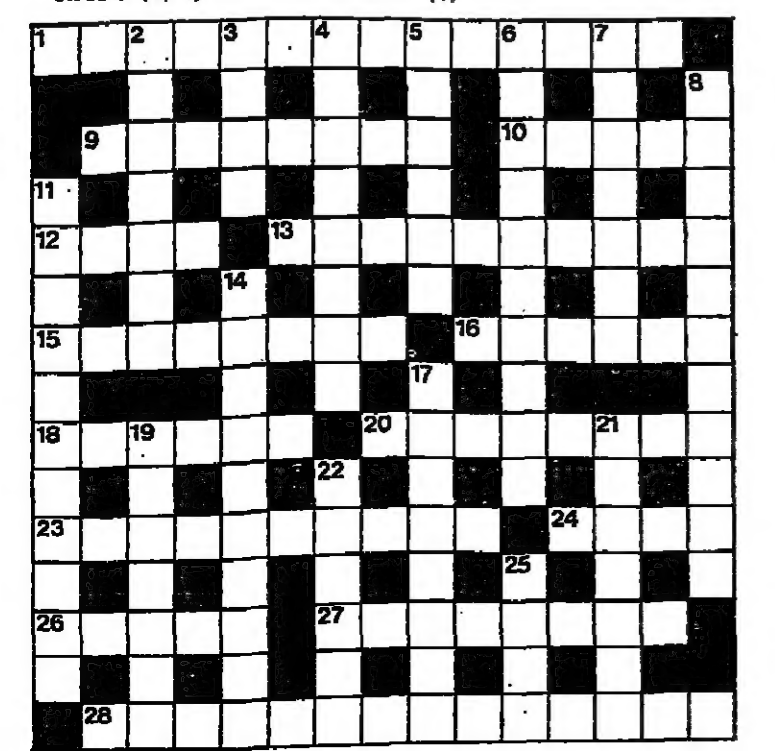
U.S. bank rates

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Prime rate: 11
Discount rate: 8
Dealers commercial paper:
30-180 days: 9.40
Certificates of Deposit \$100,000
30-59 days: 9.12
60-89 days: 9.28
Treasury bill rates:
3-month as of Feb 21: 9.13
6-month as of Feb 21: 9.28



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Adventurous way of rocketing to fame or finding the answer to a 28, perhaps (5, 4, 5)
 - 9 Bored with internal rumpus, made use of the library facilities? (8)
 - 10 Uncanny point I have gone into before (5)
 - 12 The boss on target? Could be (4)
 - 13 Form of 23 about which Livy and Tacitus wrote (5, 5)
 - 15 All the money the baker gets from selling one of his apples, maybe? (8)
 - 16 Olympian master of arts (6)
 - 18 Kind of tank that is brought out for the new recruits (6)
 - 20 Just the thing for campers? (4-4)
 - 23 Economic strategy of government anxious not to rely too much on printed notes (10)
 - 24 Austrian composer of unsuspected profundity (4)
 - 26 An African native king we have gone haywire about (5)
 - 27 It is inclined to lose vitality when there's financial aid about (8)
 - 28 Knock back Rex with difficulty caused by the crowded streets (7, 7)
- DOWN
- 2 Sort of robin associated with a king crow, possibly (4, 3)
 - 3 Pull-up for a French territorial division (4)
 - 4 Crack Commonwealth troops kept back for the Motor Show? (5, 5)
 - 5 A test or bargain (6)
 - 6 Considerable number of votes said to attract an avian mimic? (6, 4)
 - 7 A sweet shade of brown (7)
 - 8 Trendy little cats' home that used to be a stable? (4, 7)
 - 11 Action that will stop the progress of a short illness (11)
 - 14 Handy volume for gentlemen holding money (6-4)
 - 17 A plaything that has to be gripped between the teeth (4, 4)
 - 19 A grant dissipated on a terracotta figurine of classical proportions (7)
 - 21 Timeless brew of ale broached by an ocean fier? (7)
 - 22 A common paper on a region of Spain (6)
 - 25 An indoor spread cut short (4)



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Is Portugal using too much austerity to fight inflation?

LISBON (AP). — After six months of austerity measures to stem runaway inflation and a whopping foreign debt, Portugal is wondering whether it has tightened its belt too much.

Nearly 10 years and 14 governments after the 1974 revolution, Portugal has started pruning a bloated state sector, with massive layoffs in shipyards, banks and newspapers, turning off the spigot of imports and reducing subsidies on wheat, milk and sugar. At the same time, Portugal is asking its allies, mainly the U.S., for financial and military aid.

The International Monetary Fund, in exchange for the package of austerity measures, granted a standby loan of \$480 million on the condition that the balance of payments deficit be slashed to \$2 billion.

Portugal has adhered to and even improved on the guidelines in most fields. The balance of payments deficit was cut to \$1.8b. and the budget deficit kept under control. However, average inflation broke the 20 per cent IMF recommendation, leaping to 25.5 per cent on a 1983 average, with some consumer

prices like meat skyrocketing to over 40 per cent.

The price this country of 10 million is paying has been heavy. Import restrictions have caused hospitals to run short of imported X-ray plates. Elevators and machinery are repaired with makeshift parts. Paychecks for glass, shipyard, chemical and dozens of other industry workers are three months late or more.

Petrol, fuel, electricity, postage and telephone services are up. A departure fee of \$7.50 was clamped on anyone leaving the country. A 28 per cent retroactive tax on 10 months of 1983 salaries brought charges from the opposition of unconstitutionality. Interest on bank loans has spiraled to 46 per cent.

A Ministry of Labour survey in January found that the underground economy triggered by the crisis represented 22 per cent of the Gross National Product. It estimated about 800,000 of Portugal's 3.9 million workers have earned \$2.2b. untaxed dollars through such activities as auto repairs and electrical work on the side, and through smuggling, gambling and prostitution.

Brazil's gold boom could ease crushing debt burden

BRASILIA (Reuters). — Gold production is soaring in Brazil, bringing in much-needed revenue for the government and encouraging optimism that the country will ultimately be able to resolve its economic problems.

Brazil, the most indebted Third World nation, is struggling with a crippling foreign debt of \$92 billion.

But one mining official said: "The solution lies under their feet. With Brazil one of the most mineral-rich countries in the world, all they've got to do is go out and dig it up."

Thousands of jobless Brazilians from the cities have already joined the gold rush to the backlands of Brazil, where for the lucky, temporary hardships can be swiftly exchanged for riches.

Official production figures show twice as much gold was dug last year as in 1982, and the government estimates 75 tons will be produced in 1984, 50 per cent more than last year.

At current gold prices, this year's official production will be worth around \$1.4b., but government mine companies agree perhaps half as much again is never recorded in the statistics.

Even discounting the undeclared production, Brazil will be the fourth-largest gold producer in the world this year, after South Africa, the Soviet Union and Canada.

Though some mining companies have been operating in the country for 150 years, more than 80 per cent of the gold is extracted by about 250,000 individual prospectors, or "garimpeiros," operating in very poor conditions with primitive methods.

They have been drawn by a rich gold lode discovered in the rain forest of the lower Amazon at Serra Pelada by a prospector in 1980. Last year about 50,000 "garimpeiros" descended into the huge hole dug

out of the forest on rickety ladders to haul up the pay dirt in sacks.

Using primitive washing tables, they extracted nearly 14 tons of gold, more than Brazil's total production from mechanized mining. The hardy, mud-caked "garimpeiros" have resisted government attempts to take over the workings and employ modern methods.

The government goes quite a long way to make the sale of gold to its agents an attractive proposition for the "garimpeiros." The agents buy gold for cash at the prevailing world price without questioning its ownership or origin.

Gold trade sources say light planes are used to fly the unofficial and untaxed precious metal to Guyana or Paraguay, or couriers smuggle it out on international flights.

Once out of the country, the unofficial traders can readily convert their gold into the security of dollars, safe from creeping cruzeiro devaluation, tax inspectors and government restrictions on the export of hard currency.

Meanwhile, the search goes on for another Serra Pelada. With only a third of the country thoroughly prospected, the chances look reasonably good.

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SWITZERLAND	FRANC	61.1211	61.8837
SWEDEN	KRONA	16.9428	17.1542
NORWAY	KRONE	17.5668	17.7860
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FINLAND	MARK	23.3952	23.6872
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Haifa give Betar cause for anxiety as they move up to second spot

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Haifa, watched by an enthusiastic 10,000 crowd, gave them full return for their following with a 2-0 win over Hapoel Beersheba yesterday, to gain their fourth consecutive win, so as to loom as the most dangerous challengers to Betar Jerusalem for the National League championship title. Haifa are now only three points adrift from Betar.

The runaway leaders from the first half of the season, Betar and Hapoel Tel Aviv had another dismal day. Confidently expected to win easily against opposition from the bottom end of the table, Betar were held to a 0-0 draw at their YMCA ground by Ramat Amichai, while Hapoel Tel Aviv were ground under 2-0 at their own Bloomfield Stadium by Hakoah Ramat Gan. For Betar it was their third game without scoring a goal. Hapoel, for their part, are even worse off. They have gone six games without a win. Both clubs are plainly in a state of crisis with the confidence of their players seeping away fast.

Beersheba, although without striker Shalom Avitan who is nursing a back injury, produced attractive fare in the first half. Haim Ben Shaanan and Ephraim Davidi were outstanding in midfield, and it needed a Zhai Armeli goal just two minutes before halftime to induce a turning point into the game.

Armeli and scheming midfielder Baruch Maman inspired Haifa to greater things in the second half. On the hour Haifa were awarded a penalty, but Zion Marili's shot was saved by Mario Zachowitsky, the country's ace penalty saver. Despite the setback, the result was put beyond doubt by Moshe Selektor shortly before the end as he headed home a Maman pass.

Hakoah's diminutive Danny Cohen scored both his team's goals that sank Hapoel Tel Aviv. He headed the first goal in the 67th



SHLOMO KIRAT, the Betar Jerusalem utility player, goes roaming and gleaming in search of a goal against defence-minded Ramat Amichai. But Moshe Markowitz in the visitors goal has other ideas and resolutely denied Kirat. A goalless draw was the result in yesterday's National League match in the capital.

minute from a Herzl Hasson pass and dribbled his own way through the defence to notch the second.

Hapoel were without Gil Landau in the centre of their attack, as the dispute between the club and player remains unsettled.

Both the Hapoel and Betar attacks were jittery, as their fans put them under pressure. Before 5,000 at the YMCA ground the match was basically a case of Betar trying to crack open a tightly knit Ramat Amichai defence. The visitors had no ambitions to transgress the Betar goal, but Uri Malmilian, Danny Neumann and Eli Ohana lacked the key to find a slot in the visitors' bastion. Ohana should have scored on two occasions, but lacked the composure demanded of an effective striker.

Maccabi Tel Aviv ran up yet another away win, Yarnu finding themselves this time at the receiving end of two goals from Vicky Perez, and Benny Tahak. The speedy Tahak has scored in every game since his return to the Tel Aviv attack five weeks ago after a bout of injury.

After six on the trot, Netanya lost their second game in succession, when they went down 2-1 to Lod. Baruch Yedid headed Lod into the lead and Yacov Bazago made it 2-0 in the 40th minute.

Shalom Tikva, came off the reserves bench, to pull a goal back for the visitors.

Netanya are at home to Haifa next Saturday in the pick of the coming round matches.

A brilliant game by Nissan Cohen gave Betar Tel Aviv a 2-1 win over Be'er Yehuda. Veteran Shraga Topolansky, Betar's stopper, moved into attack to give his side the lead after half an hour and Nissan Cohen added the second goal in the 89th minute, with a 46 metres free kick.

Hapoel Rishon LeZion moved to the top of the Second Division with a 2-0 home win over Betar Haifa, as previous leaders Hapoel Hadera were held to a 1-1 draw by Hapoel Haifa.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Maccabi Petah Tikva 0, Shimonon 0
Mac. Jaffa 3, Hapoel Yehud 1
Betar Jerusalem 0, Ramat Amichai 0
Hap. Tel Aviv 0, Hakoah 2
Be'er Yehuda 0, Bet. Tel Aviv 2
Mac. Yarnu 0, Mac. Tel Aviv 2
Mac. Haifa 2, Hap. Beersheba 0
Hap. Lod 2, Mac. Netanya 1

Standings after 10 games:	W	D	L	Goals	Pts
Bet. Jem	10	7	3	32:17	37
Mac. Haifa	10	4	5	28:18	34
Hap. T.A.	8	9	2	26:13	33
Mac. T.A.	8	4	5	33:23	30
Bet. T.A.	8	3	8	25:33	27
Netanya	7	5	7	29:30	26
Shimonon	5	9	5	22:19	24
Lod	6	6	7	18:24	24
Mac. P.T.	7	8	4	25:17	29
Beersheba	5	7	8	17:16	23
Yehud	5	7	7	21:25	22
Yarnu	5	7	7	16:21	22
Hakoah	6	3	10	15:23	21
Amichai	4	8	7	17:22	20
Jaffa	3	11	5	16:22	20
Be'er Yehuda	3	8	14	14:23	17

SECOND DIVISION

Bet. Shimonon 2, Hap. Jerusalem 1
Ashdod 1, Kir. Sava 1
Marmorek 0, Holon 1
Upper Nazareth 1, Kiryat Shimonon 0
Bet. Ramat G. Hap. Petah Tikva 0
Hap. Ramat G. Bet. Sheva 1
Rishon LeZion 2, Bet. Haifa 1
Hap. Hadera 1, Hap. Haifa 1

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Rishon	10	4	1	24:16	34
Hadera	9	6	4	20:13	33
Hap. PT	9	6	4	20:13	33
Kiryat Sava	8	8	3	22:11	32
Ashdod	8	5	5	25:15	30
Hap. Haifa	7	8	4	19:24	29
Hap. RG	7	7	5	17:13	28
Holon	6	8	5	19:19	26
Hap. Jem	6	8	4	24:26	26
Kir. Shimonon	6	6	7	25:25	24
Bet. Haifa	6	3	10	16:32	21
Ramat	5	11	5	11:12	21
U. Nazareth	4	7	7	15:27	20
Marmorek	4	7	7	17:24	19
Bet. Sheva	3	7	9	16:23	16
Bet. Shimonon	1	9	9	17:29	12

Maccabi left with dubious role only

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A gallant effort spearheaded by Mickey Berkowitz's 28 points, 16 from Aulcie Perry and 15 from Howard Lassoff was not quite enough to break up Bosna Sarajevo's wonderful home record this season, and Maccabi Tel Aviv's 90-85 defeat in Yugoslavia on Thursday night means they have been eliminated from contention for a place in next month's European Basketball Cup final.

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Last night in Haifa, the home Hapoel became the first club to make it to the final four of the Israeli National Basketball playoffs when they again defeated Hapoel Afula Haemek 103-93.

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The fall-out

THE DEATH of Ya'acov Levinson is both a personal and public tragedy of national dimensions. His suicide brought to an abrupt end the most promising career of a man in the prime of life who had shown enormous ability to create huge economic enterprises in Israel's labour economy.

His unchallenged power at Bank Hapoalim and, through the Histadrut bank, at all the companies affiliated with Hevrat Ha'ovdim — the Histadrut holding company — was the result of his unique personal drive and authority. If there was a power struggle it was primarily over the ultimate control of the bank and its subsidiaries abroad which he had brought to its present dimensions and from which he had attempted three times to cut himself loose, though never being able to fully relinquish control.

To link this power struggle within the bank to a broader power struggle within the kibbutz movement, the Labour Party and the Histadrut amounts to a misrepresentation of the facts. Even if there are some undercurrents, as certain political groups identify with Levinson, primarily because of personal and movement loyalty, the complex questions involving intricate banking procedures of international dimensions which were brought to light in the wake of what became known as the "Levinson affair" cannot be explained simply as part of a political conspiracy.

If the two partners in the United Kibbutz Movement — Ihud Hakibbutzim and Hakibbutz Hameuhad — have problems over the control of their recently merged movement, they should attempt to settle these problems among themselves. It would be wrong to drag the entire Labour Party and the Histadrut leadership into this struggle.

The demands now for a major debate within the Labour Party on its policy in the Histadrut's economic enterprises would be in place only if they are genuinely aimed at adopting a coherent social and economic policy within the trade unions' economic empire.

The Labour Party will do well to confine the problems caused in the aftermath of Levinson's tragic demise to their proper proportions. It may take a leaf from the book of the Likud which so far has been responsible enough not to turn Levinson's suicide into a major political campaign against the opposition. It is now up to the Labour Party to stop unnecessary political fall-out.

The status of Jerusalem

IN ATTEMPTING a defence of American policy on Lebanon, at a press conference on Wednesday, President Reagan noted that the U.S. still had an ambassador-at-large in the area, commuting between Damascus, Beirut — and Tel Aviv.

Mr. Reagan surely knows better. He knows that Israel's capital, where his emissary journeys for discussions with Israeli leaders, is Jerusalem, and not that metropolis on the Mediterranean. But, contrary to its practice everywhere else around the world, the U.S. refuses to recognize Israel's choice of city for its capital. And its embassy remains stuck in Tel Aviv.

Between 1948 and 1967 the U.S. insisted that Jerusalem was a *corpus separatum*, as decreed by the UN in its 1947 partition resolution, and therefore could not become Israel's capital even west of the armistice line. In 1967, however, the Security Council passed Resolution 242, which in effect did away with the partition scheme and recognized the armistice lines as encompassing Israel's minimal territory.

Although the city was united administratively, following the Six Day War, there was thus nothing to prevent the U.S. from moving its embassy to the "unoccupied" part of the capital, and from recognizing Jerusalem's due status.

Such action would no doubt have met with fierce opposition from even "moderate" Arabs. But it need not have clashed with the principle, avowed by Washington, that Jerusalem's future, preferably as a unified city, should be settled in Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

Unfortunately, by passing, at the urging of former prime minister Menachem Begin, the Jerusalem Law in the summer of 1980, the Knesset proclaimed that East Jerusalem was an inalienable part of the State of Israel, and thus not a fit subject for any diplomatic give-and-take. The immediate result was the exodus of all the dozen or so embassies that had previously been located in Jerusalem. Only one, Costa Rica's, has so far returned.

The bipartisan legislation introduced in the two houses of Congress this week that seeks the removal of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem may thus have come a trifle too late, and it may encounter some difficulty in obtaining the required majority. If the bill is passed, it is likely to face, even in this presidential election year, Mr. Reagan's veto.

To the extent that Israeli persuasion plays any part in this process, it would be employed to better effect in an attempt to achieve a more realistic goal — causing the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, which reports directly, and in a pronounced pro-Arab vein, to the State Department, to be brought under the authority of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS WHAT DO religious Jews and Israeli emigrants in Brooklyn's Flatbush and Boro Park quarters do on a Saturday night? Some must go to casinos in New Jersey's Atlantic City, at least according to an advertisement in a Hebrew-language weekly for Israeli emigrants and other Hebrew speakers.

The ad, "responding to public demand," announces a direct bus line on Saturday nights from these mostly Orthodox neighbourhoods to New Jersey's gambling centre.

Former chief rabbi Ovadia Yosef recently ruled that Israel's national lottery, Mifal Hapais, is "against Halacha." What about slot machines and blackjack? J.S.I.

IT APPEARS that King Hussein of Jordan and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat are finally taking seriously the possibility of discussing solutions to the problems of the Palestinians and the West Bank.

Many experts insist that only these two leaders can initiate a significant, workable, and legitimate plan for saving the Palestinians. Certainly, nothing can be done without one or both participating.

I am a Palestinian, and have been living in Bethlehem in the West Bank since 1948 when my family was forced out of our home village by the war that followed partition.

I have been both a refugee and under occupation. I have twice seen my home town invaded and taken by the Israeli army.

I am weary of 17 years of occupation. But I am more weary of talk, of vacuous promises, of impotent rhetoric. I want peace, but I also want peace and quiet.

If only I could sit in on the discussions between King Hussein and chairman Arafat that are so important for my future — as an insignificant, powerless, and silent Palestinian "observer."

Observers, however, are not permitted to speak — and none of the problem-solvers seems to want to hear from Palestinians anyway. But from this great distance — so bizarre is the modern world — I can address the king and Mr. Arafat far, far better:

YOUR MAJESTY,

For many years you have displayed your anguished willingness to do all within your power to help your Palestinian "brothers" living now under occupation. I do assure you, your words have consistently warmed the very cockles of my heart over the last 17 years.

However, your often-voiced and sincerely-felt wishes have not budged the Israelis one inch, either off our land or towards a negotiating table.

Despite your heartfelt dismay, new Israeli settlements are going up only two miles from my home — and surrounding every Palestinian town in our West Bank. We are on the verge of annexation.

No doubt your repeated exhibitions of concern have some effect in Amman; perhaps they pacify your Palestinian population, but your words have had singularly little effect in saving my homeland.

It is time that Palestinians in the

WHILE ATTENDING the recent World Congress on Drugs and Alcohol in Tel Aviv I learned that heroin, cocaine, and marijuana have appeared in Israel, apparently creating new problems. And many Israelis seem frightened.

Israel and the Jewish people have had strong drugs for a very long time. Alcohol is abundant in your stores and your traditions, tobacco is everywhere, and grows freely, hashish is part of your Semitic milieu.

Why should the new drugs bring new problems?

In Canada, I have worked almost 15 years as a researcher, psychotherapist, and journalistic commentator on drug issues.

Experience in many countries where these new drugs emerged decades ago is that none is more alluring or dangerous than alcohol or tobacco, which you have already.

Is not the important principle for the great majority of Israelis still that of avoiding any drug use that

READERS' LETTERS

MOSHE TOV'S

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I fully agree with Benno Varon's assertion of February 10 concerning the outstanding merits of Moshe Tov in securing Latin American support for the Partition Resolution, and in many a diplomatic battle thereafter. Having seen him in action — in New York, Guatemala and Chile — I can testify to his extraordinary abilities and singleminded devotion.

I am certain, however, that Moshe will be the first to dissociate himself from the claim that he contributed more than anyone else to the establishment of the State. Such lack of proportion constitutes a disservice to Moshe Tov's very real

Jerusalem.

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achievement and distorts the importance of the Partition Resolution to the ultimate establishment of the State. Moshe's achievement has not been adequately recognized, but it cannot, in fairness, be said that it has been forgotten. Thus, without exhortation from Boston, our Institute is at present engaged in preparations for a ceremony in honour of Moshe Tov, on the occasion of the publication of his memoirs.

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Challenge for Arafat and King Hussein

By JAMIL HAMAD

occupied areas are told exactly what you have in mind. Either you take on that responsibility assigned to you in the UN Resolutions 242 and 338 or you abandon, once and for all, that responsibility and let us take care of ourselves. Do you really want an equitable and just East Bank-West Bank reunification, or do you prefer to continue giving the notion mere lip-service?

IF YOU CHOOSE to act on behalf of the Palestinians, we have the right to know on what you are basing your plans: the Rogers Plan? Camp David? The Reagan Initiative? The Fex Plan? Or even the fanciful Venice Declaration?

It is difficult, frankly, to imagine on which proposal you will base your negotiations with Mr. Arafat since he explicitly rejects so much of what you support.

I suggest you take into account that we in the West Bank have some definite ideas about the viability of any of these plans. By a strange accident of history we happen to know considerably more about the Israelis, about military governments, about the workings of democracy as opposed to autocracy, about the lack and the value of civil rights, and taxation without representation, the freedom (and lack thereof) of the press and of speech, and so forth, than either you or chairman Arafat.

You, Your Majesty, have, by recently recalling the Jordanian parliament, reclaimed your constitutional mandate. This so-called "Palestinian Mandate" that everyone seems to want is legally invested in the parliament. By restoring that body and its legitimacy you restore a legitimate Palestinian mandate.

If you did not recognize this or mean to do it, why then did you act to summon the long moribund parliament and revive that Palestinian legitimacy in a Jordanian context? That is the constitutional fact of the matter. However, the present reality is another thing.

This recalled parliament can no more represent today's West Bank residents than it can represent Equatorial Eskimos. Since 1967 the West Bank has not only changed radically in its outlook, its economic and educational status, its sense of independence and expectations, and its degree of westernization, but the population is wholly different.

Many of your old friends, Your Majesty, are dead, or gone to America or Saudi Arabia, or their hearts have been sold elsewhere, or those you have bought are independently wealthy now.

A full 50 per cent of the people here do not know Jordan. King Hussein's Jordan is history. Of the rest, 40 per cent are radicals and political extremists. Those remaining 10 per cent are still pro-Jordan, but they are the older, conservative element.

I fear you are in a very weak position. Be very careful, sir, how you woo the West Bank. Do not forget that what "mandate" there is, just might lie, in fact, here.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ARAFAT,

You are still gravely hampered by problems above and beyond the Palestinian problem. I am well aware that I, and my dilemma, are currently rather low on your agenda of the deteriorating situation within al-Fatah and the chaos within PLO ranks.

Remember last year's Palestinian National Council meeting in Algeria when many members were prevented from expressing their criticism of your political, organizational and tactical mistakes?

Issam Sartawi was refused the right to speak (and was later shot down in Portugal, wasn't he?). Abu Mussa and Abu Saleh were also kept from addressing the council.

No one can now pretend that the infamous al-Fatah/PLO mutiny never occurred. No one is ignorant of its causes. I, for one, am glad to see that one of its results was to expose the dirty linen, corruption and

failings of the PLO to the clear light of day.

At this point, we on the West Bank must know: whom do you represent now? Are you still chairman of the PLO? Of al-Fatah? Do you still hold the undisputed right to alone represent and treat for the Palestinian people? When you speak to the king are you speaking only for Yasser Arafat? Who stands behind you? What authority have you to offer Hussein a "mandate"?

You see, Mr. Chairman, those of us isolated and occupied in the Palestinian homeland are rather distanced and out of touch with the "Palestinian issue" and the current status of the "Palestinian Front."

For too long you have maneuvered to please everyone at the same time. This is a dangerous, unreliable policy leading to no substantive gain or construction. Its fragile and specious results exploded under you in Tripoli and Baddawi.

Trying to please everyone and lining up everyone on your side has cost you your credibility. I for one — and I have ever-hopeful pretensions of being a fairly astute, informed observer — could not today describe your political position to anyone. You need to immediately tell us where you stand and bring yourself into focus. I cannot see you clearly nor see whom you represent. Me? My more radical friend? My more moderate neighbour? Some Arab leaders?

Palestinians in the West Bank must be offered some sort of platform, a clear forthright statement of policy and method, and of clearly-defined positions.

If you wish to give the king a real Palestinian mandate, for legality's sake, you must return to the PNC and have your own position reaffirmed. I doubt, however, that this will happen.

On the other hand, you could formalize the current al-Fatah split and drop the fairy-tale of a unified PLO. Then those who continue to support you could officially declare so, and

those outside your camp could announce their new organization.

We then might be on the way to legitimate multiple options for Palestinians — it's called democracy — recognizing our inherent and valid political differences that make a joke of Palestinian "unity."

OVER THE YEARS I have seen either of you, Your Majesty, or Chairman Arafat, let any microphone or TV camera pass you by without seizing the chance to remind the world of the suffering of your Palestinian brothers in the occupied areas and in refugee camps, or to send us here your greetings from far distant places.

We appreciate this, but what have been waiting to hear is just one proposal, one resolution, one single uncompromising gesture or step forward, which would actually initiate the process of restoring our independence, our land, and ending this onerous occupation.

Right now, today, urgently the solving of the Palestinian problem and the West Bank occupation require an immediate, unambiguous strategy which strictly defines and clarifies what it is we want.

Repeating those hackneyed slogans about what we — or, perhaps, only you — do not want, is going to lose us our audience. It is useless.

Quit reciting that long litany of Fex resolutions, Algerian resolutions, Reagan plans, Camp David Accords, EEC Initiative... Just tell me how you intend to save the homeland at the 11th hour. Then it.

Actions come costly. Words come very cheaply, and in their cheapness they can be used cruelly. They can wear away like some sort of water-torture.

Actions do speak louder than words. If you are not truly willing and able now to do something substantial for us, then, please, let us be honest with us. Tell us now if there is no hope from your efforts.

We are exhausted by ephemeral promises and a mirage of hope. Just leave us alone.

If, however, you are ready and willing to act now, do so now. To apprehend, to act on the political moment is the first duty of a national independent movement in its people. It is precisely this timeliness that creates national heroes. History remembers the patriots who know the moment to lay down their guns. Let us now make heroes of the peacemakers.

The writer is a Palestinian journalist.

WAR ON DRUGS

By BRUCE K. ALEXANDER

undermines their responsibilities? Is not the challenge of parents still to engender that same principle in their children? For the minority of depressed and desperate people that seek out drugs as a refuge from reality, is not the problem for society to find the source of their despair and devise the best possible remedies?

These are old problems. What makes them seem new and fearsome in the context of the new drugs?

I AGREE with those who believe that the "drug" problems in Israel result largely from serious upheavals of recent history. The rush to develop a society of wealth and

manufacture inevitably distresses human beings unused to the manufacturing mentality, especially when the economic system is constricted by the gyrations that afflict all the western world.

People who are distressed by such events may well be tempted to use more drugs than they should, and to show other signs of personal disequilibrium like crime, divorce, mental illness.

Such people need the help of their society. But there are no genuine drug problems in this.

I am suggesting that Israel's present "drug" problem is the old problem of disaffected people choosing to act in socially unacceptable ways, which in the modern context

may involve destructive drug use. This old problem is probably exacerbated by a singularly difficult phase in Israeli and western history. The problem, in other words, would be essentially the same whether or not new drugs had been introduced.

I AM SUGGESTING that there is no gain in manifesting social concern in an American-style "war" on drugs, drug dealers, and drug producers, for they are only incidental to the problem.

The real problem cannot be alleviated with marijuana-sniffing dogs, undercover police, harassment of overseas producers, gunboats and helicopters. These articles have their uses, as Israel has

been forced to learn, but they cannot help the "drug" problem.

Perhaps I am wrong to "imagine" Israelis of being attracted by the "war on drugs," but it is an error that has been made in my own country. I also heard Israeli spokesmen at the Tel Aviv congress in ways that make me feel that the error may be made.

The solution to Israel's "drug" problem lies, I believe, in vigorous, but patient application of old precepts and traditions, the kind of wisdom that seems to me expressed in the little book 10 years of Amman that we were given at the congress, and in the Comprehensive National Plan presented by Professor K.J. Mann.

These ideas seem informed by care and good sense and not by short-sighted and violent concept of a "war on drugs." The statistics on drug use and addiction prove that Israel can successfully implement these ideas.

These figures are lower than those in Canada and lower still than those in the United States, where the "war on drugs" has been conducted for decades.

We have passed the darkest days of the year. I would like to hope for my kind Israeli hosts that, from the many new beginnings in their learned congress, they will find a little more light on these problems in each day to come.

The writer is professor of psychology at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., Canada.

VIOLIN MAKER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to Yohanan Boehm's recent column, "Music & Musicians," which included an excellent item on the making of string instruments, and would like to point out that the person who contributed the violin to the Rubin Academy of Music last November was Yosef Dothan, and not as reported.

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